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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.37	8.00	9.15	10.09	12.02	1.15	2.37	3.00	4.27	5.43
Yanmat ...Dep.	6.43	—	—	—	9.24	10.18	12.01	—	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	6.57	—	—	—	9.38	10.32	12.15	—	—	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.11	—	—	—	9.52	10.46	12.29	—	—	—
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.16	—	—	—	9.57	10.51	12.34	—	—	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.27	—	—	—	10.08	11.02	12.45	—	—	—
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.33	—	—	—	10.14	11.08	12.51	—	—	—
Shuangshui (Arr.)	7.38	8.40	9.18	10.14	11.06	12.59	2.12	3.18	3.40	5.84
Shamshui ...Dep.	—	8.43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	8.40	—	—	3.37
Shamshui (Arr.)	—	—	—	11.06	—	—	8.53	—	—	3.51
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.14	8.01	10.15	10.49	11.09	11.40	3.00	4.17	4.52	7.15
Fanning ...Dep.	7.21	8.08	10.22	10.56	11.17	8.07	4.24	4.59	5.59	7.30
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.27	11.01	11.22	8.12	4.29	5.04	6.04	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.32	8.19	10.33	11.07	11.28	8.18	4.34	5.09	6.09	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.40	8.27	10.41	11.15	11.36	8.26	4.40	5.15	6.15	—
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.43	8.30	10.44	11.18	11.39	8.29	4.43	5.18	6.18	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.47	8.34	10.48	11.22	11.43	8.33	4.47	5.22	6.22	—
Yanmat ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	10.58	11.32	11.53	8.43	4.57	5.32	6.32	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.13	8.58	11.14	11.51	11.49	12.35	5.14	5.41	6.41	7.04

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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	8.15	9.30	10.15	11.30	12.15	1.30	2.15
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.50	8.20	9.35	10.20	11.35	12.20	1.35	2.20
Shamshui ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fanning ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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RED AGGRESSION IN CHINA.

JAPAN CONCERNED OVER RUSSIAN EXPANSION.

COMMUNISM IN MANCHURIA.

A VEILED WARNING.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 1st.
Despite the fact that Moscow and Tokyo are in normal diplomatic relations with each other and that, on the surface, velvet smoothness characterises the negotiations between the two, Japan, nevertheless, is watching Russia's expansionist efforts in China with a lynx-eye. At the same time, news received here is to the effect that Russia, too, is growing distrustful of Japan's new "positive policy" in Manchuria and her railway building in that area.

Although, both on paper and in words, Russia has disavowed all intention of expansionism, the Japanese press has refused to be led away by plausible pretences and phrases. They know that Outer Mongolia already has been virtually incorporated by Moscow—and Russia is now, according to the Japanese papers, extending her grasp towards Sinkiang Province, with the object of bringing that vast area under her influence. Publicists here think that it will be but a matter of time before Sinkiang will be converted into a member of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and China's sovereignty abolished therefrom.

Says the "Tokumin":—"As Soviet Russia is a puzzle, so is her imperialistic foreign policy an enigma. Russia now is pursuing an aggressive foreign policy. The paper also goes on to talk of how Russia managed to occupy Outer Mongolia and now is making designs on Sinkiang, where Moscow expects to meet the least possible resistance."

Soviet Imperialism.

"Soviet Russia" cast away the mantle of Tsarism," continues the paper, "and now is under the thumb of the Third International. It still advocates and follows the imperialistic policies of the Romanoff Government. Its outward expansion is growing to be identical with the imperialism of pre-war Russia. Whether this is so or not is a matter for controversy, but the march of Moscow upon Sinkiang is a grave question for the Far East. Russia is pushing on the construction of railways and motor roads in Sinkiang Province, besides establishing numerous consulates there, according to reports received in reliable quarters."

Japan is not seeking a quarrel with the Soviet, according to Mr. Kaku Mori, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, who has returned to Japan after a tour of North China, including Manchuria. He further thinks there will be no cause for the two countries to clash, unless—and this sounds like a warning, for Japan is in high political positions never talk in this strain unless they are voicing the feelings of the Government—Russia conducts communistic agitation in Manchuria. "Then," said he, "trouble is bound to come."

These words are practically a paraphrase of what Premier himself said a few months ago, when General Tanaka declared there was always a possibility of Japan and Russia living in peace, provided Russia would respect her treaty obligations, refrain from spreading propaganda and abstain from agitations subversive of peace and order.

Peaceful Manchuria.

Mr. Kaku Mori, during his tour of Manchuria, was greatly impressed with the great economic possibilities in store for Manchuria which, he thinks, will one day be the pivot of Asia. He pointed out that, while the rest of China has been in a state of upheaval for the past 15 years, Manchuria has been comparatively quiet. "I think," he declared, "that one safely can say this peace and order were due to the presence of the Japanese."
(Continued on next column.)

TIENTSIN ROBBERS ARRESTED.

RAID IN A HOTEL.

FRENCH POLICE'S EARLY MORNING CAPTURES.

The French Police at Tientsin have made a haul of more than thirty Chinese robbers; some of them well-known desperate characters, during the past six months.

On August 25th a further batch of six rascals were caught. About 8 a.m. information was received at headquarters in the Rue de France from the Chinese City Police that some robbers were believed to be living in room No. 51 at the Hotel Tchong Ho Tchan in the French Concession. These included the notorious Tchong Wan Chien (29) alias Tchong Kwan King.

Inspector Jobez and a force of French police entered the Hotel and found six men in the room referred to in the Chinese Police report. When the police entered the room some of the men were asleep on their beds while others were sitting down. They endeavoured to resist and one man attempted to seize the loaded revolver which lay under another man's pillow. The whole lot were, however, overpowered by the police and taken into custody without a great deal of trouble.

Kidnappers.

The ringleader is charged with no less than five kidnappings and the other men with assisting in these and various robberies. It appears that this gang are concerned in attempts to kidnap wealthy men and their families to ransom. On being taken to the French Police Station, the accused endeavoured to pretend that they were members of a newly-formed military unit but it has been proved that they are not soldiers and have nothing to do with the military.

The accused have been handed over to the Chinese authorities for trial.

A WELL-KNOWN JOURNALIST.

LADY DRUMMOND HAY VISIT- ING SINGAPORE.

Lady Drummond Hay, who arrived in Singapore by the *President Garfield* on Tuesday last, is one of the most eminent of the lady journalists of the world.

At present she is engaged on a tour which has included so far extensive journeying in China, Japan, Korea and Manila.

During her brief stay in Singapore she has been staying at the Europe Hotel and has now left for India. Having paid a visit to Rangoon she will visit the Himalayas and then pass on to Egypt, a country which she favours greatly. During her tour she has met with many of the eminent politicians and statesmen of the countries she has visited. A most charming and beautiful lady, interviewing for the numberless newspapers, periodicals and magazines for which she writes, her ability as a writer is amply illustrated by the fact that she contributes regularly to publications in America, England, Austria and Germany.

This, again, may be regarded as an official intimation to those whom it may concern that Japan will not allow peace and order to be disturbed in Manchuria.

Another important recommendation Mr. Mori has communicated to the Government, as a result of his tour of Manchuria, is the necessity to enforce special regulations in that part of China which comes within Japan's sphere of influence.

He declared that there is increasing activity by Communist bodies in Manchuria, and he thought the best way to counteract this was to revise the present laws. It is generally surmised here that part of Japan's new "positive policy" towards Manchuria will be to frame stringent measures against all disturbers of the peace, to concentrate on the economic development of Manchuria, and not to allow the politics of war-ridden China proper to retard the progress of enterprises undertaken in this region.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
Ember Day.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Hong Kong Baseball League: "Dragons" (S.C.A.A.) v. "Tigers" (S.C.A.A.), Happy Valley Diamond, 3.15 p.m.
46th Annual general meeting H.K. St. Andrew's Society, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.
Water Polo: Malaya Chinese Swimming Champions v. V.R.C. "A" Team, 6 p.m.
Ping Pong League: H.K. University v. C.C.Y.M.S. (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.: "Cheer O": Concert, 7 p.m.
Forbes-Russell Comedy Company present: "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne", Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Oriental Strolling Players and 1st Northamptonshire Regimental Band, Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "A Kiss for Cinderella" (Sir James Barrie Play).
World Theatre: "The Ragman" (Jackie Coogan).
Star Theatre: "The Golden Cocoon."

Saturday.
Bankruptcy Court sitting at Supreme Court.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning, Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Cricket: Indians v. Royal Engineers, I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.
Bowls: 2nd Interport Trial Match, Craigengower C.C. green, 3.30 p.m.
St. Peter's Y.M.C. Launch Picnic. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 3.45 p.m.
Hong Kong Baseball League: "Dragons" v. H.K.B.C., Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.
Ping Pong League: W.Y.O.B.U. v. Y.M.C.A. (S.C.A.A.), 7 p.m.
Dinner Dances at King Edward Hotel.
Carnival Dinner Dance, Repulse Bay Hotel (Whitely Smith's Jazz Band).
International Race and Recreation Club of Macao open-air dance. Race Course Pavilion, Macao, 8.30 p.m.
Reveries: Concert Party at Kowloon Football Club, 9 p.m.
Forbes-Russell Comedy Company present: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife", Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Oriental Strolling Players and 1st Northamptonshire Regimental Band, Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "A Kiss for Cinderella" (Sir James Barrie Play).
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Sunday.
14th Sunday after Trinity.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning, Gymkhana Race meeting at Macao.
Cricket: I.R.C. 2nd XI v. Indian Merchants, I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.
Inter-Departmental Bowls—First Police v. Sanitary Department, C.S.C.C. green, Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m.
H.K. Baseball League: Japanese v. "Dragons" (S.C.A.A.) final match, Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Formal opening of New Sindi Merchants' Club, 7th floor, China Building, 4 p.m.
Open-air Concert by military band, Kowloon Dock Bathing Beach, 5 p.m.
Social gathering St. John's Cathedral Hall (after Evensong), 8 p.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meetings: "Cheer O" 7.45 p.m.; "Better Ole" 8 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Principal Mails:—Inward: America, Canada, etc. (President Cleveland).
Monday.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Ping Pong League: Tutorial Institute v. C.R.C. (C.C.Y.M.S.), 7 p.m.
Forbes-Russell Comedy Company present: "The House of Unrest", Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.
Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.
Ping Pong League: Club de Recreo v. St. Louis (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

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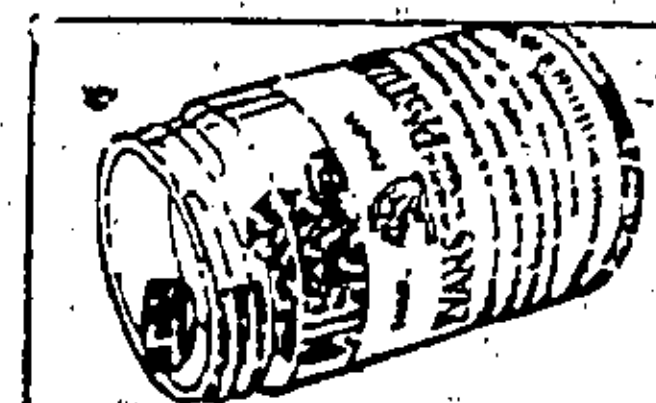
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APPALLING CONDITIONS
FOOD SHORTAGE REPORTED.

CITY GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 8th.

The situation, as described by a passenger who arrived here yesterday by the I. C. S. Kung Wo from Yangtze ports, is indeed pitiful but has one redeeming feature. It proves beyond a shadow of doubt that Chinese political and military factions are incapable, at the present time, of organizing themselves into a competent governing body and carrying out the administration of an area formerly efficiently and successfully, both from a Chinese and foreign point of view, administered by a foreign municipal body.

Circulation Of "Kerensky's."

Even the necessities of life are difficult to obtain. Fresh vegetables are as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth" and the mention of the possession of silver cause one's hearers to glance anxiously around, fearing eavesdroppers. The government is non-existent, a few minor officials remain endeavouring to secure the little remaining silver in exchange for Central China bank notes, facetiously known as "Kerensky's."

One of Jardines' godowns has been occupied by Chinese troops for some two or three weeks and the municipal council is practically in a state of bankruptcy. Chinese coolies lounge on the once immaculate Bund and the municipal police function in an apparent state of somnolence. Indeed, it is probable that their meagre wages will soon not be forthcoming. The Chinese members of the municipal council have vanished and the government of S. A. D. 3 is virtually in the air.

The Chinese compradore stores are almost out of stocks and are not replenishing them. Members of the larger firms are obtaining provision from here, but other foreigners who have remained in the port find it extremely difficult to live.

Business is at a standstill. For instance: Hankow was formerly a large exporter of hides. Foreign merchants were able for a time to pay for cargo in "Kerensky's," the Nationalist government forcing Chinese dealers to accept this currency. Then the foreign merchants paid dealers by cheque on the Shanghai banks. This worked for a time but dealers were unable to bring the money back into Hankow to purchase further export commodities and so business automatically ceased. The Nationalist government would only receive silver in payment of taxes, but met their liabilities with "Kerensky's."

The Insistence On Notes.

Thus, all the silver came into the hands of the Nationalists and a depreciated paper currency was circulated. Chinese leaving banks were searched and if found to have silver, they were conveyed to the Central bank and notes given them in exchange for their specie. This situation does not obtain now, as the Chinese have no silver to draw. The position is, therefore, appalling and merchants can see no way out of the impossible situation created by the mal-administration of the formerly prosperous port.

The cleanliness of Hankow was formerly a matter to remark upon but now the Public Works Department of the council can be said to be almost non-existent. Necessary repairs to roads are not being effected and the condition of the town is going from bad to worse. The British consuls have done their utmost to co-operate in the administration of the area but with the financial tragedy brought about by the grab-all attitude of the politicians and militarists, their plight can better be imagined than explained.

The I. C. S. Kung Wo was conveyed by H.M.S. Ladybird from Hankow to Chinkiang and then proceeded alone to Shanghai. The ship was not fired on at any point during the trip. Passengers told a representative of the North China Daily News yesterday, that Southern soldiers were seen crossing the river to Pukow and Pukow has been vacated by the Northerners. A Bucknall liner was seen anchored or aground off Wina Point and this ship is the first ocean steamer to call at Hankow since the Nationalist regime.

All river steamers are protected by steel sheets so that passengers' cabins may not be exposed to the gun fire from the banks of the river and every precaution is taken for the protection of passengers.

All passengers were unanimous regarding the appalling financial situation and in the absence of money or credit, both of which are non-existent in Hankow, it is difficult to imagine what will eventually happen to the former great port. —North China Daily News.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 294.

1.—Recruits.

Parades at Corps Headquarters on Friday, September 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. All those who have not passed all their Musketry Tests Nos. 1 to 6 will attend.

Dress: Multi, musketry order.

2.—Artillery Company.

Parade on Thursday, September 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Gun Drill, Laying and Director Work. Dress: Multi.

Signalers as programme.

3.—Engineer Company.

Major Banes, R.E., will deliver his lecture (scheduled for last Wednesday) on Wednesday, September 21st, at Volunteer Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m.

Subject: "Duties of a Field Company."

All members are requested to attend.

4.—Artillery and Engineer Companies.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, September 18th, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. J. C. P. Anderson, M.C.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifles, bayonets, pouches, braces and belt must be taken.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, September 16th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, September 17th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20th, 1927. Dress: Multi.

6.—Armoured Car Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, September 19th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

Thursday, Sept. 22nd, N.C.O.'s Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

7.—Infantry Company.

On Friday, September 16th, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of training in Vickers Gun.

8.—No. 4 Platoon.

The Platoon will parade at the Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, September 22nd, at 5.30 p.m., for completion of Standard Tests. Dress: Multi.

9.—Scottish Company.

Special Machine Gun Class as detailed in previous orders will assemble at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20th. Dress: Multi.

Thursday, September 22nd, All Platoons, Arms Drill and Squad Drill at Platoon Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Multi.

Members of the Company are again reminded that rifle, belt and bayonet are to be worn on all parades irrespective of nature thereof. Platoon Commanders will see that all parades are 5 minutes in duration devoted to musketry muscle exercise.

Route March: A Company Route March from Polo ground to Taikoo will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29th, when a full turn out is expected.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, September 25th, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

Pipe Band: Pipers and Drummers will assemble for practice at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, September 22nd, at 8 p.m.

Reel Club: Members desiring to join the Club which commences weekly practice on Wednesday, September 21st, at Helena May Institute are requested to communicate with Lieut. C. B. O. Sutherland, c/o Messrs. Palmer & Turner.

10.—Portuguese Company.

Trained men will parade on Friday, September 16th, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Lewis Gun Training. Dress: Multi. Overalls to be drawn from Stores.

Recruits: For information, all newly joined men who have not passed Drill Tests 1 to 6 are recruits until these tests have been initiated on their tests card, when they will automatically join the Company.

11.—Sports Committee.

The following have been appointed by the Hong-Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Sports Committee to administer the Sport mentioned against their names and have permission to select teams to represent the Corps at their respective sports:

Soccer and Tennis: Spr. C. W. E. Bishop, Engineer Co.

Rugger: Pte. C. D. Wales, No. 1 Platoon.

Cricket: Pte. H. V. Parker, Armoured Car Co.

Baseball: Cpl. A. C. I. Bowker, No. 1 Platoon.

Swimming: Lieut. D. Lyon, No. 1 Platoon.

Hockey: Spr. K. S. Robertson, Engineer Co.

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Members of the Corps wishing to play any of the games mentioned should communicate with the representative of the particular Sport or Sports in which they are interested.

12.—Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year: No. 393 Sergt. M. M. Watson, M.I. Co., 92 points. No. 400 Corpl. R. D. Reid, A.C. Co., 93 points. No. 445 Lce.-Corpl. D. E. G. Nicholson, A.C. Co., 92 points.

13.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength on September 8th, 1927, and posted as under: No. 1200 Gnr. O. Moor, Artillery Co. No. 1237 Gnr. I. E. L. Mackay, Artillery Co. No. 1293 Pte. A. Reid, No. 7 Platoon.

14.—Appointments and Promotions. The following appointments and promotions take effect from Sept. 12th, 1927:

ARTILLERY COMPANY:

No. 105 L/Bdr. A. W. Roberts, M.I. Co. to be Bdr. No. 619 Gnr. J. Harrop, to be to be L/Bdr. No. 1039 J. T. McCarr to be L/Bdr.

15.—Struck Off the Strength.

The following having completed three years' service in the Corps, and claimed their discharge: No. 58 Spr. R. B. Wood, Engineer Co., as from September 8th, 1927. No. 48 Pte. E. R. Dovey, A.C. Co., as from August 10th, 1927. No. 600 Pte. A. W. E. Davidson, Res. Scot. Sec., as from Sept. 13th, 1927.

The following having left the Colony: No. 461 Spr. H. F. Westlake, Engineer Co., as from Sept. 13th, 1927. No. 544 Pte. A. F. May, A.C. Co., as from September 1st, 1927.

No. 405 Pte. D. Reid, Res. Scot. Sec., as from September 23rd, 1927.

The following having purchased discharge: No. 738 Lce.-Corpl. H. Dineley, No. 5 Platoon, as from Sept. 12th, 1927.

R. A. Wolz-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, Sept. 16th, 1927.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The first shoot for the Cup given by Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, September 25th, at 9.30 a.m.

CONDITIONS.

15 rounds Rapid at 300 yards as for Corps Championship; 10 rounds Application at 500 yards. Usual handicaps.

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East Asia Bank.....\$2.19 nom.

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China Underwriters.....\$2.19 nom.

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Yangtze Insurance.....\$2.19 nom.

China Fire Insurance.....\$2.19 nom.

Hong Kong Fire Ins.....\$2.19 nom.

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Hong Kong Tugs.....\$2.19 sel. 1.05 sa.

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Do, (Del.).....\$2.19 buy.

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Kailan Mining A.....\$2.19 buy.

Do, (single).....\$2.19 buy.

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Shanghai Dock.....\$2.19 buy.

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Hong Kong Realty.....\$2.19 buy.

H.K. Territorial.....\$2.19 sel.

Humphreys Estates.....\$2.19 buy.

Prince's Buildings.....\$2.19 buy.

Ross Lands.....\$2.19 nom.

Euro. Estates.....\$2.19 nom.

China Trunks.....\$2.19 nom.

H.K. Tramways.....\$2.19 nom.

Peak Tram (old).....\$2.19 sel.

Do, (new).....\$2.19 sel.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VOTES OF NEARLY A QUARTER
OF A MILLION.

OVER \$200,000 MORE FOR RAIN-
STORM DAMAGE.

Following the meeting of the
Legislative Council yesterday after-
noon, a meeting of the Finance
Committee was held when votes
totaling \$216,493.00 were passed.

Typhoon Damage.
The Kowloon-Canton Railway re-
quired \$4,000 to repair damage done
by the typhoon of August 20th. The
Public Works Department needed
\$14,000 for the repair of typhoon
damage done in Kowloon. This
sum, however, does not include any
allowance for damage caused by the
typhoon of August 20th. A further
vote will be necessary to cover
that.

The P.W.D. also asked for
\$123,000 for the repair of typhoon
and rainstorm damage in Hong
Kong in addition to the sum of
\$100,000 provided for in the esti-
mates. This amount meets the cost
of making good the damage done
by the typhoon of August 20th and
earlier heavy rains.

An Outstanding Account.
The P.W.D. also asked for \$1,500
to pay for work done by a contrac-
tor in 1922. The Contractor was
paid \$630 on account in December,
1921. Then apparently he forgot all
about further money due for he did
not present his Bill for the balance
until a few weeks ago. No provision
was made for the sum in the 1927
estimates.

Sanatorium Treatment.
Under the heading of Charitable
Services, the sum of \$3,150 was re-
quested on account of a special
grant for sanatorium treatment for
Police Sergeant J. Robertson. It
was explained that in 1926 Council
voted a sum to cover the cost of
Sanatorium Treatment for Police
Sergeant Robertson, late of Hong
Kong Police for that year. The
Crown Agents did not pay the ac-
count for the second half of 1926,
until March, 1927, and it, therefore,
became necessary to revoke the sum
of \$1,491. Council further agreed
to pay for the cost of further treat-
ment during the current year and
it is anticipated that Crown Agents
will be called upon for payment
of approximately \$1,650 in respect
of the first half of 1927.

Wireless Station.
The sum of \$6,000 was voted for
new machinery urgently required to
replace defective machines at Cape
D'Aguilar Wireless Station.

Harbour Department.
A sum of \$805 was authorised for
the payment of the expenses of Mr.
R. Hall while undergoing a course
of training in England. Mr. Hall,
an assistant Government Marine
Surveyor when on home leave was
instructed to undergo a course of
Board of Trade training at North
Shields and Liverpool. His travel-
ling and subsistence expenses in
connection with that course amount-
ed to \$288.33.

Hong Kong University.
As a grant in aid of the Chinese
Faculty of the Hong Kong Univer-
sity, the sum of \$4,800 was
authorised. The Government after
consulting the Finance Committee
agreed to assist the University in
establishing a Chinese Faculty and
this sum represents the financial aid
required for the current year.

Fire Extinguishers.
The Imports and Exports Depart-
ment required \$150 to pay for four
fire extinguishers for the Opium
Factory at Kennedy Town.

Travelling Expenses.
The sum of \$4,000 was needed by
the P.W.D. as transport and travel-
ling expenses in addition to the
\$10,000 provided in the Estimates.
It was explained that the amount
of \$20,000 was originally estimated
by Director of Public Works as
necessary for Transport and Travel-
ling Expenses for this year, but this
amount was reduced to \$10,000 in
the hope that with economy this
might prove sufficient. The sum
has, however, proved insufficient and
an excess of \$4,000, it is estimated,
will occur.

Cost Of Fire Station.
The sum of \$4,300 was requested
under the heading of Public Works,
Extraordinary, on account of the
Fire Brigade Station building.
The original estimate of cost was
\$1,450,000 and the total expendi-
ture up to the end of 1926 had been
\$1,326,270. It was anticipated that
all accounts would have been sub-
mitted before the close of 1926 and
therefore, no provision was made
in the 1927 Estimates. The amount
now required is for the balance of
payment due on the building of
the new Fire Station, which were
supplied through Crown Agents in
1926.

THE MYSTERY OF ZAGORSKI.

ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
SECRETLY ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Warsaw, September 14th.
The whole country is excited
over the whereabouts of General
Zagorski, the popular Opposition
leader, who mysteriously disappeared
after his release from prison
five weeks ago.

It is alleged that the authorities
again seized him secretly, and are
interning him on an island off
Danzig. Colour is lent to this
assumption owing to the receipt of
a letter from Zagorski bearing the
Danzig postmark, containing a
contribution to the "Aviators
Victims Fund," alleged to be for-
warded by means of a trick.

A semi-official explanation is that
Zagorski is at present in Paris,
and got a friend at Danzig to take
his letter and post it there.

Zagorski was arrested last year
on technical charges after declining
to support Marshal Pilsudski's
coup d'etat, and was imprisoned
for fifteen months. He is reported
to have arrived at Warsaw last
August to await Pilsudski's return
from the country, but it was later
declared that he had obtained his
Turkish bath, and never returned.

A semi-official explanation is
that he has gone into hiding in
connection with the charges for
which he was arrested, although no
official indictment has been prepar-
ed. Zagorski is known to have been
at Legation with Pilsudski since
the Great War.

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SIR THOMAS BEECHAM'S
NEW PLAN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, September 14th.
Sir Thomas Beecham, who has
done much for British opera,
unfolded to-day some details of a
new scheme whereby he hopes to
establish British opera on a per-
manent basis.

He estimated that there are
150,000 people in this country to
whom his scheme would directly ap-
peal, and he calculates that an
opera season such as he would like
to give would inevitably mean the
loss of £60,000. This sum would be
provided if the 150,000 persons
would subscribe eight shillings a
year, or only two pence per week.

His slogan, therefore, is two pence
a week for the finest opera in the
world.
Subscribers to the enterprise
would be given preferential treat-
ment in regard to seats, paying less
for them than the prices charged
to the general public. Opera would
be provided in London, and in some
of the great provincial centres,
with the finest material available in
the Empire. The personnel of his
operatic company would be 85 per
cent. British.

He added, "I leave five per cent.
open, because it is quite possible
that for some little time I may have
to call upon foreigners in depart-
ments in which British artists and
producers, and so on, have little or
no experience."

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

September 15th, 1927.

On LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 9/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	—
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2/0 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/0 3/4
On PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1215
Credit, 4 months' sight	1230
On NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	49 3/4
On BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	181
Bank Bills, on demand	181
On CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank Bills, on demand	131
On SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	79
Private, 30 days' sight	84
On YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	101
On SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	84
On HANKOW.—	
On demand	118 1/2
On HONGKONG.—	
On demand	nom.
On HONGKONG.—	
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ENTERTAINMENT PAST AND PRESENT.

MUSIC WHICH SADDENS.

[BY ROBERT MACWHIRTER.]

I canna' help thinking how well
off folk are nowadays. I was just
watching the wee yin the other
morning, half blind with sleep, wast-
ing away in a wardrobe throwing
dresses about in search for
something or other that had to go
with a red belt. I still see her the
"wee yin" but man, you should
see her now with her long silk legs
and, mind ye she's no above going
out with her aunt's best white Sun-
day shoes if she gets half a chance
at all. Time was when she could
be skelped but she's got past that
stage now. Ye canna' very well
wallop a youngster when she's half
a head higher than yourself. It's
no dignified like.

Ay, I don't think bairns are
nearly as much fun when they begin
to get up, especially when they get
to knowing more than yourself.
It's a great handicap.
Says she this morning at break-
fast, "Uncle, do you know that
Mary Pickford's real name is
Gladys Smith and that Vilma Banky
weighs 118 pounds?"
She then went to tell me that
somebody's brother is engaged to
the sister of the man who had a
wooden leg in the "Sea Beast."

What it was all about I don't
know and didn't like to let on. I
only mention it, though, to show
how the bairns has progressed since
last you heard o' her.
It was saying, when I was a
boy it was a red letter day when a
new suit came my way. I mind
fine even to this day my Uncle buy-
ing me my first sailor suit. That
was in Dumfries and he fell down
the stairs o' a barber's shop that
day and very nearly broke his neck.
I didn't get out to play with you
suit on. No, it was kept for Sun-
days, except once, when I was
taken from Linkumiddie to see
Langholm Common Riding. Ay,
that was a day right enough.

You know, when it came to enter-
tainment it took very little to please
us then. Man, for weeks we used
to look forrit to the Sunday School
Services. Ay, that was a great
night; a bag when we went in and
an orange when we came out. (A
wise precaution that last one, lest
we bung the peel about and upset
the dignity o' the Kirk Elders).
The programme was no great
shakes either, odd piano solos in-
termixed with songs o' the "Can"
Ye By Athol" order. Between
times, the minister had a lot to say
when the headie wasna' threaten-
ing to chuck us out.

Even in this Colony, it's quite
different to what it used to be.
Bardmann at the Theatre Royal, an
old K.C.C. concert, or may be the
Philharmonic once in a while was
about all we had to look forrit to.
Now, what between pictures, dan-
cing and bands, a body's sometimes
hard put to it to get away from the
Club in time. Only last Sunday
night we went along to the Dock
to hear the Northampton. Man,
you sort o' thing is very wearin'
on the feet, especially when the
chairs are all full o' soldiers. No
that I grudge them a rest for they
have to get up gay early in the
morning. The music was kindna'
saddening at times, especially
"Rose Marie." The last time I
heard it in London. It cost sixteen
shillings a seat, no counting the
price o' the programme.
But you sort o' things all the go
now. Janet, she's full o' talk about
going to the M.C.L. on the first o'
next month and Mac himself was
at me just the other night. Right
bang in the middle o' an argument
about Harry Lauder very nearly no-
ticing the Freedom o' the City o'
Edinburgh, he come in mind o' the
affair.

"What's this '1912' business
about anyway?" says he.
Now you've got to be very care-
ful with a man like Mac.
"I'll buy it," says I.
"How much is it a bottle?" says
he.
"Man," says I, "1912's a tune,
no a vintage year. You must be
thinking o' Napoleon brandy!"
"I don't mind if I do," says he,
"but go easy with the water."
As I aye say, what's the use o'
being ignorant if ye don't show it!

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, September 14th.

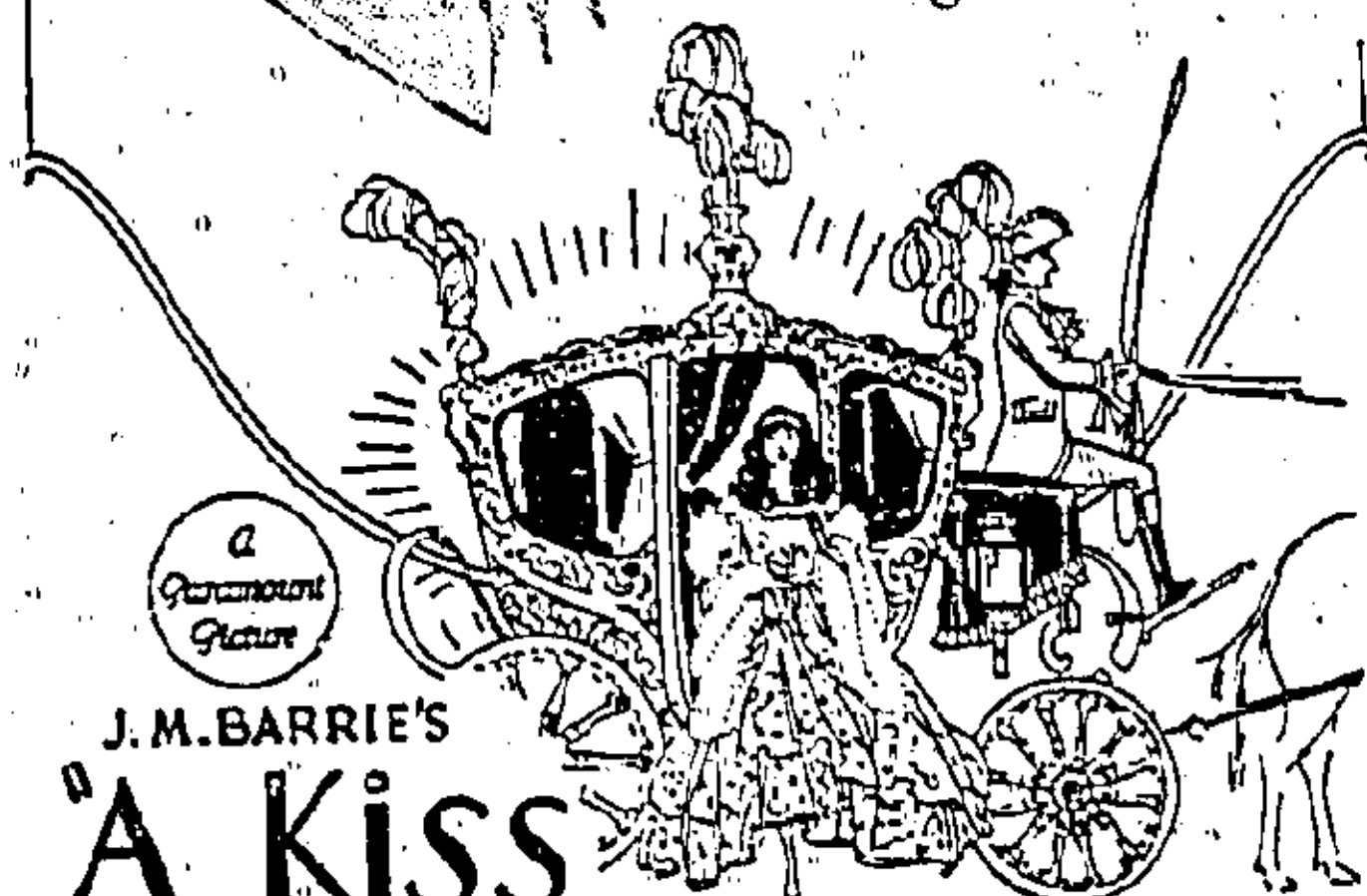
Paris	124
New York	4.89 5/16
Brussels	34.92
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Milan	9.35
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	18.14
Vienna	34.50
Prague	183 1/2
Helsinki	192 1/2
Madrid	28.71 1/2
Lisbon	2.13/32
Athens	80 1/2
Bucharest	78 1/2
Rio	5.27/32
Buenos Aires	47.31/64
Bombay	1/11.5/32
Yokohama	95 1/2
Shanghai	1/11 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
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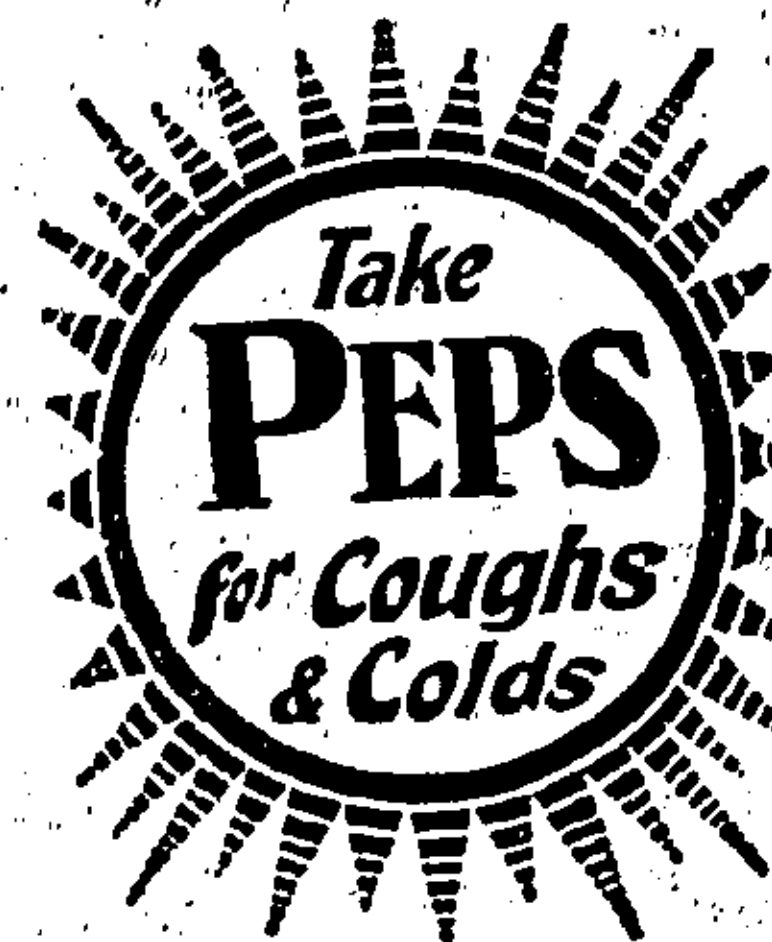
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GOVERNMENT'S POLICY CORDIALLY ENDORSED.

SUGGESTED ENQUIRY INTO THE CAUSES OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

The feature of the Budget, Debate in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon was the very cordial approval of the Government's policy expressed by the Unofficial Members. It was the unanimous opinion that the Government were proceeding on the right lines in studying economy and conserving the Colony's financial resources.

For the first time in the history of the Colony the collective views of the Unofficial members of the Council were presented by one of the Chinese members. This fact was commented upon in a very felicitous manner by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard who complimented Sir Shouson Chow upon the way in which he had performed the task entrusted to him. The compliment was thoroughly deserved for Sir Shouson Chow made an admirable speech which was followed with the closest attention.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall, speaking on behalf of the Chinese community, entered a strong plea that the Government would re-consider their decision to raise school fees in the Colony, and subsequently, after approving the Government's decision to admit men as well as women to the Victoria Hospital, suggested that the patients in the Government hospitals might, if they so wished, be attended by their own doctors. The Colonial Secretary, in his reply, however, expressed the opinion that the higher school fees as now arranged would not inflict the slightest hardship on Chinese families. He also intimated that the Government could not allow doctors to attend Government hospitals for private practice.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton addressed the Council on behalf of the Justices of the Peace. He suggested the possibility of holding an enquiry into the reasons for the constantly increasing cost of living. The Government promised that this question should receive their earnest attention, but thought it would be found that the high cost of living was due to causes entirely beyond the Government's control. Mr. Shenton also pointed out that while next year the fees for marriage licences and the registration of births were expected to increase by fifty per cent. the fees for the public executioner were expected to increase to a similar extent.

H.E. The Governor presided over the meeting of the Council and those present included H.E. The General Officer Commanding The Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), the Attorney-General (Sir Joseph Knap), the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, O.B.E.), Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Deputy Clerk of Council).

The Colonial Secretary formally moved the second reading of the Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$17,450,103 to the Public Service of the year 1928.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

HON. SIR SHOU-SON CHOW.

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow said:—Sir,—The duty devolves on me, as the senior unofficial member of this Council for the time being, to present the collective views of the unofficial members on the Budget this year, leaving to my honourable colleagues to bring forward individually any special points they may wish to make.

Historical Retrospect.

At the outset we wish to congratulate your Excellency on the able manner in which, at the last meeting of this Council, you reviewed the financial history of the Colony during the past thirty years. Your masterly survey has been read by the public with the greatest interest and pleasure, for it is a record that awakens our latent pride in the Colony's achievements, and kindles fresh confidence in its future.

The Budget.

We desire also to congratulate you, Sir, and the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the manner in which the Budget has been framed, and presented to this Council. Your Excellency and the Hon. Colonial Secretary have placed the Colony in your debt by the care and foresight you have bestowed upon this onerous task; and I wish to assure you that the unofficial members fully endorse the conservative policy you have pursued. Although we think we are right in believing that the Colony has weathered the severest storm that has ever afflicted it, we cannot yet afford to relax our vigilance, and our watchword must still be economy consistent, of course, with efficiency, and the essential needs of the Colony's steady expansion.

The Proposed \$5,000,000 Loan.

We must express our gratification that the Government has been able to avoid imposing any fresh taxation. The Public appreciates the regard the Government has shown in this respect, as any extra burdens in these trying times would have been most unwelcome. The Colony's satisfaction is increased by the knowledge that, despite this, there will be no check to progress, thanks to the Government's decision to float a loan of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of financing certain urgent essential public works. This policy has our full approval and unqualified support. The works in question will benefit succeeding generations even more, perhaps, than the present generation; and it is only fair—as I had the honour to point out when addressing this Council on a similar occasion in 1923, and again in November of

last year—that posterity should bear its share of the cost. The decision to float the loan is welcome for the further reason that it restores to our surplus balances the large sum of \$1,916,406 which has already been expended therefrom on water-works development. There is no doubt in our minds that the loan, when placed on the market, will be taken up without the least difficulty, since it cannot fail to commend itself to all sections of the community as a sound and attractive investment.

Survey Of Steamships.

Proceeding to deal with individual items in the Estimates, I should like to refer, first, to the item "Survey of Steamships" which appears on page 9 under the head "Fees of Court or Office." We have examined with care the seasonal paper dealing with increased expenditure in the Harbour Department, and additional revenue to be derived from raising the survey fees. That the Harbour Department has been under-staffed was clearly shown at the inquest on those who lost their lives in the s.s. *Lenny Kwong* disaster recently, and we are glad to learn that steps have been taken to remedy this.

It is further very gratifying to hear that arrangements are being made whereby a special Hong Kong passenger certificate issued in Hong Kong will have equivalent value all over the world with the passenger certificate issued by the Authorities in the United Kingdom. Naturally all this involves more expenditure on the Harbour Department, but we do not grudge this, as we realize that our prosperity and future development depend upon the attractiveness of the port, and the facilities we are able to offer ships which make use of it. It has always been our desire to see charges as low as possible, to encourage shipping to come here; and we should be very much opposed to any increase in charges which might militate against this. But the increase in the survey fees are small, and appear reasonable, and we do not feel that any protest can be justifiably raised against them.

Water Excess Supply And Meter Rents.

On the same page, under the same head, we notice a decrease of as much as \$70,000 against the item "Water Excess Supply and Meter Rents." There is no doubt that the population of the Colony has materially increased during the past twelve months, and we are, therefore, at a loss to understand why such a large shrinkage in the receipts is anticipated. We shall be glad if your Excellency will give us further information on this point.

The Colony's Supply Of Essential Commodities.

The sub-head "Afforestation" under District Office, North (page 19), is increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This, in our opinion, re-

presents a step in the right direction; indeed, we feel that even more should be done than has been hitherto, in the way of increasing forestry work in the New Territories. This aim should be to make the Colony, as far as possible, self-supporting in the matter of its supplies of firewood. This applies also to other essential commodities which can be produced in the New Territories; and in this connection, we would respectfully commend to the Government's notice the good work being done by the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee. Such work deserves the fullest encouragement and support of the Government and the public. The Government might well consider establishing, or at least assisting private enterprise to establish, experimental farms for the growing of vegetables, etc., so that the Colony may be more independent of outside supplies.

Police And District Watchmen.

The increase on the head "Police Force" is undoubtedly large. But there can be no cavil at it, because the Colony's expansion makes it necessary. The steady growth of the population, owing to the peace and security that can be enjoyed within our borders, has meant the filling up of a large number of empty houses in recent months; and many houses which were in course of construction or were in contemplation before the outbreak of the Strike in 1923, are now completed. This means additional areas to be protected by the Police. The disturbed state of the adjoining Mainland, too, has caused many thousands of people to seek refuge in Hong Kong, and it is inevitable in the nature of things, unfortunately, that these should include a percentage of bad characters. Therefore, it is only proper that the police should have the numbers necessary to cope with their heavier responsibilities. The Police—and the District Watch Force also, I may add—have performed yeoman service during another year of strain and anxiety. Their zeal and good work must be a source of pride to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police and the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, to whom we wish to tender our congratulations on the able manner in which they have applied the firm and tactful policy laid down by your Excellency.

Piracy.

We concur with the Government's policy of contributing towards the cost of three armed launches for anti-piracy work in the delta. It is essential that everything in our power should be done to protect our commerce from the depredations of pirates. Two weeks ago the British steamship, *Kochow* was pirated on the West River. On this occasion His Majesty's Naval vessels took action against the villages from which the pirates came, and it is sincerely to be hoped that this will have proved to be a salutary lesson. In the existing state of lawlessness adequate Naval patrols are of the greatest value in affording protection to trading vessels; and if action can be taken against the haunts of the pirates after a piracy has taken place we believe that there will be a great diminution of their outrages.

Malarial Research.

Malaria has long been a serious problem in the Colony, and we welcome the appointment of a specially trained malarial research officer whose duty it will be to investigate local conditions, and advise as to the steps to be taken to deal with the disease. The Hon. Mr. Shenton will make further reference to this subject in his speech, but I may say here that we hope the appointment marks the beginning of an organised effort to eradicate malaria entirely from this Colony where it still takes such heavy toll every year.

Victoria Hospital.

The Government's intention to admit men as well as women to the Victoria Hospital has our cordial approval, as we consider this an economical arrangement which might well have been made long ago. Your Excellency will, we hope, carefully consider our suggestion that patients be granted the right of being treated by their own doctors if they so desire. Although that suggestion when first made did not receive official approval, we feel constrained to point out once more that its adoption, besides bringing increased revenue to the Government through more patients being encouraged to use the hospital, will give greater satisfaction to the public, with whose money it was that the hospital was built in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's jubilee.

Probationer Nurses.

The increased use being made of the services of locally trained probationer-nurses is welcome, for not only are those nurses doing very useful work, but they will in time be the means of spreading a knowledge of Western medicine and hygiene throughout South China.

Vehicular Ferry.

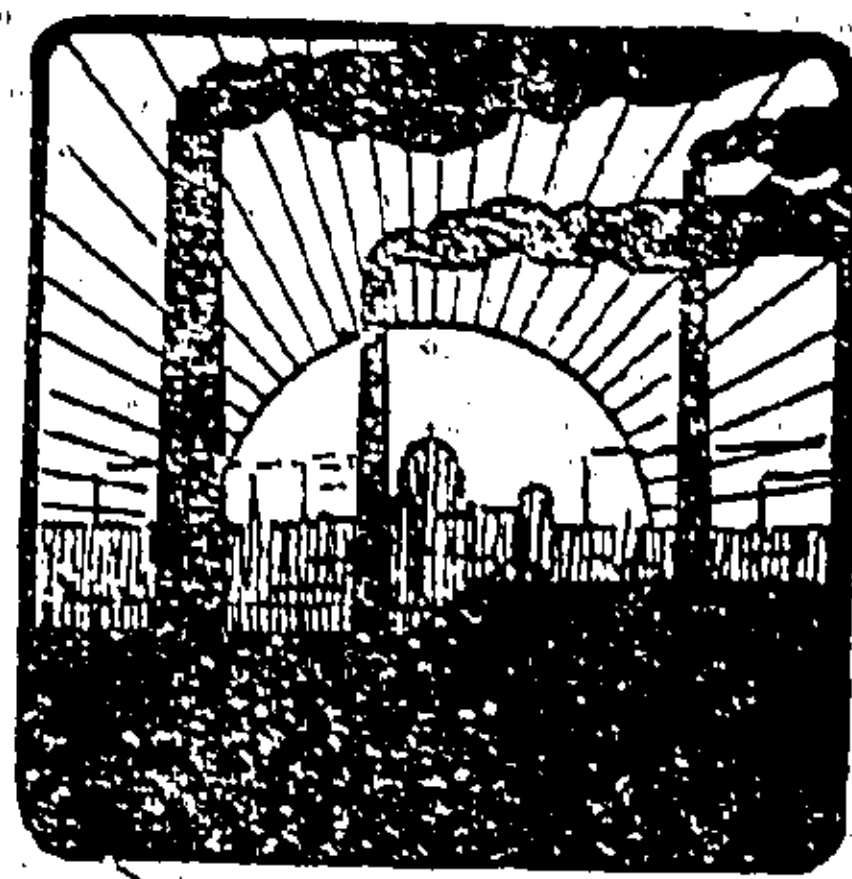
In connection with the Estimate of the Public Works Department we should like to refer to the scheme for a vehicular ferry. We hope that the matter will not be lost sight of, and we await with interest the report we understand the Government will publish when the matter has been fully considered.

Water Supply.

Another important public work which has had to stand over is increased water supply. We note that a seasonal paper will shortly be issued on the proposed Aberdeen

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Reservoir. If this was the one referred to during the Budget debate nearly a year ago as having an estimated capacity of 200 million gallons, we cannot think that this will do much towards meeting the growing needs of the island as it would increase our storage capacity by less than 10 per cent. At that debate your Excellency stated that you hoped before long to lay on the table of this Council "a seasonal paper giving very full information on every aspect of our water supply problem, and furnishing all the data necessary for formulating our future policy in this respect," and that a Commission would be appointed to study it. The importance of an adequate supply of fresh water for the island of Hong Kong and Kowloon cannot be over-emphasized and we trust, Sir, that this seasonal paper will not be unduly delayed.

Aerodrome.

The proposal to build an aerodrome, to which your Excellency alluded in your speech at the last meeting of this Council, affords pleasing evidence that the Colony is keeping fully abreast of the times. When the aerodrome is completed Hong Kong will have an important new asset, and will take its place as a link in the chain of airways with which the Imperial Government is binding the Empire yet closer together. The community's satisfaction with the prospect of this new acquisition to our commercial and social amenities is increased by the knowledge that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has proposed that the Imperial Government shall bear three-quarters of the cost, and the Colony one-quarter. It is sincerely to be hoped that this proposal will receive the approval of His Majesty's Government.

Concluding Remarks.

Before concluding, Sir, I wish to express our entire agreement with the sound policy you are pursuing in husbanding the financial resources of the Colony while at the same time pushing ahead essential public works that can be undertaken without undue financial strain. Hong Kong, to-day, with all its troubles, is still one of the greatest ports in the world, and may look

to regain the premier position one day. A Colony like this cannot stand still, for to stop is to go back. Hong Kong does not intend to go back. The vitality it has shown in the face of every trial in recent years more than justifies our faith in the future. Your Excellency has referred to the wonderful results that can be achieved in the development of a country. An example of this is to be seen in the present splendid co-operation between the British and Chinese sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The Colony needs only the loyalty and co-operation which were displayed by all sections of the community in the face of the big crisis of 1923 to make it invincible against all attempts to check its progress; and we can assure you, Sir, with all confidence, that you can count upon the same measure of loyalty and co-operation in that future to which we are looking with steadfast hope and unshaken faith. (Applause.)

HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard said: Your Excellency,—As the Senior European Unofficial Member of this Council, I wish to associate my colleagues and myself with the address which has just been delivered by the Senior Unofficial Member. This is the first occasion on which the views of the Unofficial Members have been presented by a Chinese Member, and I wish to take the opportunity of congratulating my honourable friend on the able manner in which he has performed this very important duty. In his concluding remarks he drew attention to the necessity of co-operation between British and Chinese which I think is generally recognized as being essential for the well being and progress of the Colony. It is therefore especially gratifying to find that to-day the Unofficial Members have been happy to leave the expression of their collective views on the Budget in the hands of the Senior Chinese Member and on their behalf I want to thank him for the able way in which he has presented them. (Applause.)

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CANTON ALMOST INDEPENDENT.**COLLECTING ITS OWN TAXES.****WHY WANG CHING WEI RESIGNED.****LABOUR UNIONS AGAIN RESTLESS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton is now practically independent of Nanking. The recent changes in its financial administration have reduced the power of the Ministry of Finance to a minimum. Taxes will be collected by the local provincial treasury, instead of by the Nationalist Ministry of Finance whose Canton branch will have no real power.

In view of repeated attempts to interfere with the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Line, the Canton Authorities have decided to reinforce the troops now stationed at Cheungmiao, Sumichun, and other towns along the railway.

The project of erecting a labour camp at Whampoa to house the unemployed pickets of the 1925 anti-British boycott and strike is to be abandoned. The scheme would cost the Authorities more than a million dollars, it is estimated; and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi party now dominating Canton affairs is afraid that the unemployed might turn again towards Bolshevism if herded together in this way.

Rival labour unions have again been giving trouble and taking the law into their own hands. Yesterday there was fighting between workers both in the north and the south part of Canton City, the most serious disturbances being at Fung Ling Road and at Honam.

The reported resignation of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, at Hankow, has caused no surprise among the Southern Chinese, as it was known for some time that the civilian section of the Kuomintang will have no chance whatever of getting control of the Party. Moreover, Mr. Wang has not got the support of the so-called Shansi clique of the Kuomintang, the first group in the Party to oppose the domination of the Soviet Mission in Chinese affairs.

Canton Authorities are reconsidering the recent order to close the Canton Merchants' Association, which is now agreeing to the Kwangtung-Kwangsi section of the Kuomintang in its forced loan of \$10,000,000 from local small merchants as well as from banks and bigger firms. Armed police are still guarding the premises of the Association, and an influential director has been arrested and will be freed on his payment of \$100,000 towards the loan.

DISTRESS IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

The Bureau of Industry and the Bureau of Agriculture and Labour in Canton having done nothing to relieve the suffering of farmers from floods and pestilence which have occurred lately on account of the unusual rainfall in Kwangtung, the Board of Charity which met last Tuesday have decided to appoint a special committee to look into the situation. Reports from outside districts indicate that the coming autumn harvest will be affected and lessened on account of presence of insect pests following the recent floods.

The 68 towns and villages in the Saichu section of the Nambui District are feeling great hardship owing to the high cost of rice, which is now being sold at six and a half cents a dollar, compared with ten to twelve cents in normal time.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST "RED" BANDITS.

The Military Headquarters of the Kuomintang Army for the Suppression of "Reds," recently established at Shinkwan, North River Districts, will be removed to Canton City so as to be nearer to the East River Sector, which is now the chief centre of activity of bandits and pirates operating under the name of "Reds." The so-called "Red" forces in Kwangtung are mainly the notorious "Peasants Corps." They are in reality organizations of bandits and pirates who enlisted as members of the Kuomintang when the "Peasants" clique ruled in South China, under the direction of the Soviet Mission. The districts around Waichow are particularly full of "Reds."

THE SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY.**PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE.****THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.****QUESTION OF GUARDS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Attorney-General moved the first reading of "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the suppression of piracy."

In doing so he said: This Bill is one of the measures decided upon in consequence of the report of the Sunning Piracy Commission. It will repeal the present Piracy Prevention Ordinance of 1911 and all the Regulations which have been made thereunder. The present system, therefore, by which ship owners enter into a bond to carry out certain regulations, within and without the Colony, will disappear. The Bill besides repealing the present Ordinance and the regulations will give power to make new regulations. The draft of the proposed new regulations will, it is hoped, be published in the Gazette on Friday, September 16th. That draft is not necessarily the final draft, because it has not yet received the approval of the Government, but it is expected it will represent fairly accurately what eventually will be enacted by the Governor-in-Council. There are two particular features in the new regulations. First of all they will relate solely to acts to be done and powers to be exercised within the territorial limits of the Colony. Secondly, they are confined to the searching of vessels. They will contain no provision for any structural alterations, grilles or otherwise. The question of the Piracy Prevention Guards is still under consideration and it may be that the final passing of this Bill, or at least its final coming into effect, will be postponed until that question has been further considered. It is probable, therefore, on the next occasion this Bill comes before Council I shall move for the addition of a Suspending Clause which will provide that the Ordinance shall not come into force until such date as may be fixed by the Governor-in-Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and the Bill was read a first time.

DUTIABLE LIQUORS.**QUESTION OF POSSESSION.****PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS.**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911."

He said: The Bill is explained very fully in the "Objects and Reasons." In fact the "Objects and Reasons" are longer than the Bill itself. But stripped of all detail and omitting the more or less technical and consequential amendments the short point of this Bill is as follows: It is intended to make it quite clear that when a person is charged with unlawful possession of dutiable liquor, that is to say liquor liable to duty but on which duty has not been paid, the onus will be on that person to prove either that duty has been paid or that he had good and sufficient reason to believe it had been paid. And he will have to prove one of these two defences beyond reasonable doubt. It is obvious that it is very difficult, and may be quite impossible, for the prosecution to prove that the duty on any particular lot of liquor has not been paid. It ought generally to be quite easy for the person who has that liquor in his possession to prove, if not that duty has been paid, at least that he had good and sufficient reason for believing it had been paid. There may be occasions when the person in possession of the liquor would find some difficulty in proving up to the hilt that duty had been paid. On such occasions I have no doubt the Crown would take a liberal view of the onus placed on the defendant.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

RECENT ORE CASE.**LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.****AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN DISPUTE.**

A very important case concerning the shipment of antimony sulphide ore was recently heard in the Summary Court before Mr. P. Jacks (the acting Puisne Judge), and this case was fully reported at the time, so that the facts are still fresh in the memory of readers interested.

Yesterday at a Full Court sitting at the Supreme Court an application was made for leave to appeal against the decision of the Puisne Judge, which was in favour of the defendants.

The case concerned the claim of Messrs. John Batt & Co., Ltd. (London) against Messrs. Silva Netto & Co., exporters of Hong Kong. The plaintiffs asked for \$82 damages under an alleged breach of contract for the sale of 72 tons of Chinese Antimony Sulphide Ore. That the ore contained the right percentage of antimony was not disputed, but it was alleged that the percentage of oxide was unduly large. The defence, however, urged that the ore was sold solely on antimony content. Arbitration took place in London between the plaintiffs and their sub-purchasers, but the defendants objected that their own contract was not arbitrated upon and that the contract with the sub-purchasers was of a special character in that they purchased the ore for a particular purpose, not disclosed to the suppliers on this side.

At the Summary Court hearing, Mr. L. R. Andrews, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Leo d'Almeida and nephew, represented the defendants. Yesterday morning Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for applicants for leave to appeal against the judgment.

Mr. Jenkin was making his opening submissions and explaining the grounds for the application for an appeal against the Summary Court decision, when Mr. Silva Netto asked permission to make a submission.

His Lordship, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, pointed out that these were ex parte proceedings and Mr. Silva Netto could not be heard. If the application was granted, Mr. Silva Netto would be served and would have to appear later.

Mr. Silva Netto asked if it would be necessary to have another sitting of the Court if he wished to oppose this application.

His Lordship indicated it would. Mr. Silva Netto was proceeding to refer to the costs of such a procedure and to the fact that there were precedents when His Lordship directed him to sit down as he could not be heard at these proceedings.

Mr. Jenkin said that he would make the point which he believed Mr. Silva Netto wished to bring up. It was provided in the Ordinance that leave to appeal should be applied for within seven days of the judgment. The present date had been fixed by His Lordship's own clerk and as the Ordinance provided for extensions.

His Lordship, commenting that the mistake was of no importance and would not effect the appeal. Counsel said that his first ground for making the application was that when the action was heard, an application for an adjournment by the solicitor for the plaintiffs was refused. It had been agreed between the parties that the correspondence passing between the plaintiffs and defendants should be produced and Mr. Andrews based his case on that correspondence. He, however, was surprised when there was a change of front by the defendants, who in Court, did not admit that the agreement between the plaintiffs and the defendants, and the agreement between the plaintiffs and their buyers of the ore were the same.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that on the correspondence there was very good ground for the application for an adjournment being granted.

His Lordship said the material used as evidence was common to both parties and therefore how could there be surprise.

Mr. Jenkin said there was nothing in the papers to warrant the argument that the two contracts were different.

With regard to the second point inasmuch as the correspondence pointed to the contracts being the same the onus was cast on the defendants of establishing that they were different.

The application for leave to appeal was granted.

CHINESE BANK SWINDLED.**\$10,500 HANDED OVER TO BOGUS COMPANY.****"INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANTON."**

A clever swindle perpetrated on a Chinese bank by means of a fraudulent letter sent from Canton to a bogus firm established here specially for the purpose was reported to the Police yesterday.

The victim is the Ting Hing Bank. A letter was received on September 6th supposedly from the Kam Fat Bank at Canton, with whom they have dealings. There were instructions in the letter to the effect that a sum of \$10,500 was due to the Kam Fat Bank from various banks here. The Ting Hing Bank was ordered to collect this amount and placed it with the Yuen Wah Cheung firm of No. 6, Koshing Road.

The Ting Hing Bank carried out the instructions and two days later another letter came from the Kam Fat Bank with the same instructions regarding the collecting of payments due, but this money was to be handed over to the Fat Shing Bank at Wing Lok Street.

The Ting Hing Bank scenting something wrong investigated the matter and found that the first letter they received was a forgery intended to forestall that of the Kam Fat Bank, which did in fact arrive later. Whoever is responsible for this fraud must have an intimate knowledge of the working of the Canton Bank.

When the manager of the Ting Hing Bank and Police officers went to the Yuen Wah Cheung firm, to whom the money had been paid, in accordance with the instructions contained in the first letter, they found the doors closed and the premises deserted.

DOG SHOOTING ON THE PEAK.**THE WEAPONS USED.****FURTHER QUESTIONS BY HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.**

Following the answers given by the Government to his previous questions relating to dog shooting on the Peak the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, asked:

- (1) What experience is considered necessary before Police Officers are entrusted with the shooting of dogs, and
 - (2) What weapons are used.
- The Colonial Secretary replied:—
- (1) A knowledge of dog and experience in the use of shot-guns. Care is taken to select men who are good shots.
 - (2) Shot-guns and Greener riot-guns.

IMPRESSIVE CHINESE FUNERAL.**MRS. KAN HUNG CHIU LAID TO REST.**

Traffic was held up for a considerable time yesterday morning when the funeral procession of Mrs. Kan Hung Chiu passed through the town. The funeral was a "Great Affair" and several thousands of dollars must have been spent.

The length of the procession may well be imagined when it is stated our representative met the head of it at the Central Market, and proceeding in a ricksha in an easterly direction he came upon the end of the funeral at Arsenal Street.

There could not have been fewer than 3,000 persons attending and about 2,000 coolies were employed carrying banners and tables. Inscribed silk banners read in sympathy numbered over 200. These are equivalent to the European custom of sending wreaths.

The deceased lady was the wife of Mr. Kan Hung Chiu, a prominent Chinese business man. He is a director of the Nanyang Tobacco Factory and a partner of the Ming Tai Bank. When the funeral passed the premises of the Ming Tai Bank, a brief ceremony took place. Just outside the main entrance there were long tables filled with lighted candles and incense sticks, and all the chief mourners knelt for a few minutes before the tables.

CARS FOR PUBLIC HIRE.**THE SCALE OF FARES.****MR. SHENTON QUESTIONS THE GOVERNMENT.**

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, asked:

Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by:

- (a) Fixing a scale of fares, or
- (b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.

The Colonial Secretary replied, however, that he regretted the answers to these questions were not yet ready.

Presumably the Government will reply at the meeting of Council next Thursday afternoon.

PEAK RIFLE RANGE.**MACHINE GUN PRACTICE.****NEW REGULATIONS.**

Owing to the large number of troops now in the Colony there is difficulty in finding sufficient ranges for firing practice. An attempt will be made, therefore, to use the Peak range for machine gun practice this winter.

The machine guns will be fired from the 600 yards range which is above the road. Although there is little danger this will mean that the road will have to be closed occasionally. Look out men with red flags will be on duty and warning notices will be posted.

To meet public convenience there will be no firing from the 600 yards range between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and after 4.30 p.m.

The experiment will be given a six months trial after which the question of using the range for machine guns will be further considered in the light of the experience gained.

HARBOURING AN UNMARRIED GIRL.**MAN GETS FOUR MONTHS' GAOL.**

Two Chinese, a man and a woman, were charged before Mr. H. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday with unlawfully harbouring an unmarried girl under 21 years of age.

Mr. R. A. C. North, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted. The evidence was that Chan Choi Wan, a Chinese girl was sold to a married couple as a mistress when she was 8. She is now eighteen and was working as a tobacco sorter. While her master and mistress were away from Hong Kong for a month the girl took it into her head to run away.

She met a Chinese girl and was introduced by her to another woman. It was at this woman's house that she met the male accused. After staying with this woman (the second defendant) for a few days, she was asked to accompany her and the male defendant to the railway station as the latter would take her back to her relatives. They went away in a motor car and while waiting for the train in the Chinese territories, a Chinese detective came up to her and, in consequence of some questions asked, the party was arrested.

The male defendant said that he was taking her to Canton at the request of another man who claimed the girl as his wife. He had no knowledge that she had run away. Mr. Lindell sentenced the male accused to four months' hard labour and discharged the woman.

THE LAICHKOK ROAD INCIDENT.**TWO MEN CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY.**

A sequel to the shooting of an alleged armed robber at Laichkok Road, by a Chinese constable, was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. W. Schofield.

Two men were charged with the robbery, and the third man, who was shot, was stated to be in a serious condition.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Fallon said that the female occupant of the house was scratched across the face but not seriously. Both the man and his wife had been badly mauled but their injuries were only slight.

Asked if, in the absence of the wounded man, who case could be proceeded with, Inspector Fallon replied in the affirmative and said that the man would not be discharged from hospital for some time while it was possible that he would not be able to appear before the Court at all, although the doctor had stated that he would recover.

The two prisoners were both remanded for one week.



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By Order,
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Hong Kong, 8th Sept., 1927. [5309]

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WELL DESERVED HOLIDAYS.

With the passing of the Budget and the settlement of the Colony's financial policy for next year, H.E. The Governor will take a short holiday. According to present arrangements His Excellency will leave in the first week of October and will proceed to Japan, Peking and Wei-hai-wei. Upon his return the Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUHNHORN will go on home leave, and it is understood that the Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX will act as Colonial Secretary during his absence.

Both H.E. The Governor and the Colonial Secretary came direct from Ceylon to take up their respective positions in this Colony. His Excellency has not had a holiday since 1922, and it will be generally conceded that a short respite now from the cares and responsibilities of office has been thoroughly well earned. The past two and a half years must have been a particularly anxious period for His Majesty's representative. There is no doubt that the work of administration, apart altogether from ordinary Government routine, has increased enormously. In the circumstances it may be some satisfaction to Sir Cecil Clementi to know that during these trying times his unremitting and conscientious devotion to British interests has won for him

the unbounded confidence of all residents.

Mr. SOUHNHORN has not yet been in the Colony for two years, but he has had the task of introducing two Budgets. The drawing up of the estimates may possibly be regarded as a very pleasant pastime when the Treasury is overflowing with money. It is a totally different matter when economy is the watch word. The first budget brought forward after he had been in Hong Kong a few months only showed that he had obtained, even in that short time, a very comprehensive grasp of all the details of administration. Since then, we believe, the work of the various departments has proceeded very smoothly and efficiently under his direction.

It is generally agreed that the Colony has been well served and it will be the unanimous wish that both His Excellency and Mr. SOUHNHORN will return, after their vacations, with renewed health and energy to continue their good work.

PROLONGING THE AGONY.

London newspapers to hand contain pungent comments on the Sacco and Vanzetti trial and execution. As is known the death sentence passed on these Communists and the eleventh hour respite for a limited time pending further appeal attracted enormous interest in all parts of the world. Nor was this surprising. The fate of these men, from being an affair of domestic concern to the people of the American Republic, became a subject of critical and even anxious concern to outside observers.

Whether the men were guilty or not of the crime for which they were condemned now ranks as a subsidiary issue. The public everywhere outside the United States rightly perceived that there must be something woefully wrong with a great democracy when it was possible for years to elapse before the death sentence pronounced by a Court of Law was carried out. We note that it has been urged that the delays, the raising of legal points, and the appeals were in the interests of the condemned men; but this does not lessen the shock given to decent feeling that for more than half a decade two human beings should be allowed to linger in prison under the shadow of the scaffold.

The London Morning Post describes it as a "Judicial Scandal," and declares that such prolonged agony of suspense "turns the law into an instrument of torture as cruel and refined as any invented in China." In a leading article the Times says with regard to the long delays after sentence was passed, "it is grimly ironic that a system intended to serve the prisoners' interests should in fact result, against the intention of those who work for it, in feline cruelty." These extracts are typical of opinion in England on this celebrated case; and there are some who consider that the ultimate outcome will be a reform of the judicial system in the United States.

The outrages organised by Communists in America and in many other countries as protests against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti were, of course, utterly futile demonstrations—as though prison doors in Massachusetts could be burst open by distant bombs. But all Americans who value the good name of their nation are bound to consider whether they will continue to tolerate such a travesty of the administration of justice as was manifested in this case. A scandal of this description would be absolutely impossible under English law; and in the light of what has happened it is by no means an overstatement to say that, in the Sacco and Vanzetti affair, it is now the judicial system of America that stands on trial.

One Chinese (imported) case of enteric was reported on Wednesday.

The 40th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society will be held to-day at 3.45 p.m. at the City Hall.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Captain C. G. Sallai, 1st Punjab Regiment, and Miss Anne Slater, of the Shanghai General Hospital.

A Chinese girl who had worked in the Nanyang Tobacco Factory for five years, was caught stealing 329 cigarettes. She was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday and fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour.

The Criminal Sessions open at the Supreme Court on Monday next. Several serious cases are down for hearing and it is understood that the trial of the two men charged with the murder of Mrs. Mackay at Chai Wan will also be taken.

Members of St. Peter's Young Men's Club are notified that, unless otherwise informed, the usual week-end picnics will be resumed until the end of the month. The launch will leave Queen's Pier at 3.45 p.m. as usual. The destination tomorrow will be 'Picnic Bay.'

The decision of the Crown Solicitor is being awaited in the case in which a twelve-year-old Chinese is charged with the murder of a slightly older boy in the Wo Hop Shek Village, Kowloon City. A further remand was granted yesterday by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Friends who called on a Chinese woman at her home, No. 383, Queen's Road West, found she was endeavouring to strangle herself with a piece of string, and promptly rushed her to hospital, where she is recovering. The police, the woman stated that she had lost all her money and property through gambling, and that was why she tried to take her life.

There was a large attendance of Service men at the "Better Ole," Y.M.C.A., Peking Road, Kowloon, last evening when an excellent concert was given. The Entertainment Sub-Committee having made all arrangements, and have appeared at many previous Service entertainments, and the programme was very warmly applauded and enjoyed. There is the usual Friday night concert at the "Cheer O" this evening.

Miss Ruby Mow Fung, the organising secretary of the committee of St. Peter's Church which arranged an outing for the girls at the Blind Home, Kowloon, last weekend, has received a letter from Miss Beswick of the Home in which she expresses thanks and says that the girls thoroughly enjoyed a glorious treat. Miss Beswick adds that she desires to thank all who gave their support to the treat by donations, the loan of motor cars or in any other way.

DEPARTURE OF TROOPS

CAMERONIANS AND R.A.P.C.

LEAVE ON "HERMINIUS."

The a.s. Herminius has now left Hong Kong for Home with the 2nd Devon Regiment, which had embarked at Shanghai for Malta, and detachments of the 1st Cameronian and Royal Army Pay Corps, which were at Hong Kong for Home.

Eleven officers and 408 other ranks of the Cameronian left on the Herminius and two details of the R.A.P.C., consisting of eleven officers and 210 other ranks.

It is understood that there will be further departures from Hong Kong about the middle of next month when the Karmala will arrive from Shanghai. No definite instructions have yet been received as to which detachments will be leaving.

The appreciation message of the Army Council and the G.O.C. were referred to in yesterday's issue with regard to the departure of units from China.

WEATHER REPORT.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

Yesterday's weather report forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.10 p.m., stated—

A belt of high pressure extends from S.E. China to the East of the Bonins. A depression is shown over Tongking.

LOCAL FORECAST:—Light southerly or variable winds, fair to showery.

PROPERTY SALE.

DEARTH OF BIDS.

ONLY ONE OF FOUR LOTS SOLD.

There was a dearth of bidding at Messrs. Lammer Brothers Sales Room yesterday afternoon when four lots of New Territories property were put up for auction. Only one lot was sold the remaining three being withdrawn, there being no advance on the upset price.

The first three lots are situated at Sha Po, New Kowloon, New Territories. The first lot was New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 8, together with a fish pond and erections. It has an area of 1.23 acres, the annual Crown rent is \$16, and the term of the lease 55 years from November 5th, 1903.

The upset price was \$9,000, but there being no advance, the property was withdrawn from the market. Lot 2 comprised an agricultural lot 11 acres in extent, with a Crown rental of 33 cents, and a term of lease of 75 years. The upset price was \$850, and after a number of \$50 bids, it was knocked down to Mr. Li Cheung Hing for \$800.

Lot 3 comprised another agricultural lot, 24 acres in extent, with an annual Crown rental of \$230, and a term of lease for 75 years. The upset price was \$9,000, but this lot was also withdrawn.

The fourth property put up was a property at Kowloon Bay, New Territories, known as the Tai Wan Glass Factory. The area is 320,563 square feet, and the annual Crown rental is \$368. The term of the lease is 75 years.

The purchaser would be entitled to all machinery, etc., that is on the premises. The upset price was 15 cents per foot, or about \$48,000. There was no advance on this figure, and the property was withdrawn from sale.

LEE THEATRE.

SOME CAPITAL DANCING.

The Oriental Strolling Players gave another splendid performance last night at the Lee Theatre. There was some capital dancing, particularly a waltz by Teon Schneider. Nina Cherniava and Nikifor Feokistov gave an excellent comic peasant Russian dance.

The playette "At the Black Cat Tavern" was well received. The Northamptonshire Regiment's Band, under the baton of Mr. W. Cresswell, L.R.A.M., played some beautiful selections, and were encored time after time.

The following were the items rendered by this band—

- 1.—March—"The Washington Greys"
- 2.—Selection—"Chau Chin Chow"
- 3.—Coronet Solo—"Softly Awakes My Heart"
- 4.—Soloist: L.C. A. Green.
- 5.—Oriental Suite—"Caravan"

(a) "Caravan Camp in the Desert."
(b) "Caravan Camp attacked by Brigands."
(c) "Convoy on the March."
6.—Characteristic—"The Mill in the Forest"

7.—Selection—"Rose Marie" Friml. This performance will be repeated to-night and to-morrow night. On Sunday night there will be an entire change of programme.

WELCH REGIMENT IN SHANGHAI.

MARCH THROUGH THE SETTLEMENT TO THEIR BILLETES.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 8th. The 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment, which has been in Hong Kong for some time, is the first replacement unit to arrive in Shanghai, and is understood to be one of the units which is to make the port its permanent base for some little time, that is, as long as an emergency exists.

The battalion, full strength, arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday afternoon, last week, but did not disembark until yesterday afternoon, as no camp was available.

Under command of Lieut.-Col. Mathias, D.S.O., the Welch Regiment left the Old Ningpo Wharf about 3 o'clock yesterday, and marched along Yangtzepoo Road, Broadway, Nanking and Bubbling Well Roads to their new billets.

The foreign population had no knowledge of the time of the march and only casual pedestrians along the line of march greeted them. Not a few Chinese from the shops along Yangtzepoo Road gathered on the kerbs, some of them undoubtedly wondering when the movement of troops would cease. Others paid them but a passing glance, while still others, had it not been for the music, hardly would have noticed them.

Because of the weather the men marched in easy order, without jackets, arms slung, but in perfect time with the martial strains of the band which headed the column. (Continued at foot of next column.)

A VERY GALLANT ACTION.

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CERTIFICATE OF ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Prior to the commencement of the routine business of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon there was a pleasing little ceremony when H.E. The Governor presented Chief Preventive Officer Clarke with the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for saving a Chinese woman from the Harbour.

The certificate was of vellum and was signed by H.E.H. the Prince of Wales.

H.E. the Governor relating the details of the life saving to the members of the Council said:—At 2.30 a.m. on the 31st of October, 1923, a Chinese woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Harbour in front of the Harbour Office. Her husband who was a fair swimmer tried to rescue her but himself disappeared. A Wei-haiwei constable who witnessed the incident, but could not swim, blew his whistle which brought Chief Preventive Officer Clarke from his quarters. Chief Preventive Officer Clarke dived into the water and in spite of the woman's struggles succeeded in bringing her ashore. She was in an unconscious condition but artificial respiration was resorted to and she was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where she recovered. Chief Preventive Officer Clarke dived in again but could find no trace of the man whose body was not recovered till three days later.

Calling Chief Preventive Officer Clarke forward H.E. the Governor shook him by the hand and presented him with the certificate, saying: "Mr. Clarke, I congratulate you on a very gallant action and it gives me much pleasure to hand you this certificate on vellum awarded you by the Royal Humane Society."

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke then saluted and withdrew.

POLICE MEDALS AWARDED.

TO FIVE EUROPEAN OFFICERS.

HONOURED FOR ZEALOUS SERVICES.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, to award the Police Medal to the following Officers of the Hong Kong Police Force:

Second Class to Chief Inspector W. Kent for zeal, ability and initiative as Traffic and Chief Inspector.

Third Class to Divisional Inspector P. Grant for zeal and ability as District Inspector, West, during the past four years.

Fourth Class to Inspector H. J. Patterson for exceptional ability as the Principal of the Police Training School.

Fourth Class to Acting Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds for steady and reliable work throughout his service in the Police Force.

Fourth Class to Detective Sub-Inspector F. W. Shaffan, attached to the Secretariat, Chinese Affairs, for zeal and ability throughout his service in the Police Force.

The appointment has been made of Captain E. R. Kennedy, General Staff Officer No. 3 of the Intelligence Department, Shanghai Defence Force, as Assistant Commissioner in the Shanghai Municipal Police, acting under Mr. Beatty in the Department of the Sikh Police. It is understood that Captain Kennedy, who is especially qualified for the appointment through experience in India and China, was seconded to the post of three years' service.

Captain Kennedy has spent many years in both China and India, having served in the Indian Army in the latter place during the first years of his army career. He was commissioned in August, 1914, and saw service in the 18th Infantry of the Indian Army and later when that unit was disbanded he served in the Kumaon Rifles, his present regiment. He has spent nine years altogether in China, in both Hong Kong and Tientsin and for three years was language officer in Peking. He was on home leave when the call for the Shanghai Defence Force came and was appointed G.S.O. 3 in the Intelligence Department to return to the Far East at that time.

In spite of easy dress, their military bearing was not lacking, and the soldier of the Empire looked his part.

KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE IN SESSION
AT NANKING.

THE THREE CLIQUES REPRESENTED.

CHIANG KAI SHEK AND WANG CHING WEI
INCLUDED IN SPECIAL COMMISSION.REUTER ANNOUNCES "POSTPONEMENT"
OF THE CONFERENCE.

Although the vernacular newspapers refer to the Kuomintang Conference at Nanking as an established fact and give copious details of those present and the names of a "Special Commission" elected, Reuter, in a wire received at midnight, says that it has been officially announced that the Conference has been postponed. This, it appears, is owing to the "sudden retirement" of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, a "tea party" or another preliminary meeting (adds Reuter) will be held in place of the Conference.

THE CONFERENCE POST-
PONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Sept. 15th.
It is officially stated that "owing to the sudden retirement of Wang Ching Wei the Conference scheduled to open to-day will be postponed. A tea party or another preliminary meeting will be arranged in its place."

ANOTHER EX-RED FOLLOWS
MR. WANG'S EXAMPLE.

(Hah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15th.
Following Mr. Wang Ching Wei's resignation from the post of Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Government (Hankow), Mr. Chen Kung Pu, a member of the Central Executive Committee (Hankow) and previously a notorious Communist, has also tendered his resignation.

General Li Lieh Chun, on his way to Nanking from Shanghai, was interviewed by Pressmen and said that three important problems would be discussed at the conference, namely, (1) an amendment to all resolutions, passed at the 3rd Kuomintang Conference held some time ago; (2) a Kuomintang Commission to be formed, in which the supreme power of the Kuomintang should be invested, and (3) military and political problems discussed.

At The Opening Session,

The prominent representatives at the opening session were:—Li Lieh Chun, Li Chung Jen, Yueng Shiu Chong, Chang Ching Kiang, C. C. Wu, Tsai Yuen Pui, Li Shek Cheng, Tang Chek Yu and Chia Cho Chong (Nanking clique); Tan Yan Kai, Sun Fo, Chu Pui Teh and Ching Chien (Hankow clique); and Ju Ching, Chia Chee, Chang Gai, Lin Sien and Chow Li (Saishan or Right clique). The total number present is 30.

The 30 members elected as a Special Commission are: (Wuhan) Wang Ching Wei, Sun Fo, Ho Seng Ying, Yu Yiu Yin, Tang Seng Chi, Ching Chien, Chu Pui Teh; (Nanking) Chiang Kai Shek, Hu Han Min, Li Shek Cheng, Wu Chie Fei, Tsai Yuen Pui, Chang Ching Kiang, Li Lieh Chun, Wang Pak Kwang, C. C. Wu, Li Tsai Han, Li Chung Jen, Yueng Shiu Chong and Yip Cho Chong; (Saishan clique) Hsu Sung Chi, Ju Ching, Chang Gai, Lin Sien, Chia Chee, Tan Chien and Chow Lo. Besides these General Yen Shih Shan and Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang were included.

CHIANG KAI SHEK "VERY
ACTIVE."

(Hah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15th.
In the present conference the representatives of the Nanking and Right cliques have come to a complete understanding against the Hankow clique. It means, therefore, that Chiang Kai Shek's hand is strengthened in the conference. Consequently Chiang Kai Shek is again very active and it is reported that he will proceed to Shanghai from his native city shortly in order to keep in close touch with the situation.

The "Reds" under Yeh Ting and Ho Lung, after unsuccessfully attempting to enter Kwangtung, have been forced to flee to the Fukien-Kwangtung border. According to the Fukien provincial authorities, they have advanced to Shianghan and other districts near by. Fukien troops stationed in Southern Fukien have been instructed to concentrate at Yungling, Lung-Ng and Lincheng, in South-Western Fukien.

RE-ORGANISING THE
KUOMINTANG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15th.
Wang Ching Wei's resignation was unexpected, but apparently explains the reason why certain of Chiang Kai Shek's ex-colleagues are going to Nanking.

The vernacular newspapers state that a "provisional" session of the Central Supervisory and Central Executive Committees is sitting at Nanking this afternoon for the purpose of electing certain members to form a Special Committee, which will discuss the re-organisation of the Kuomintang and Nationalist Government.

The Special Committee will be in session to-morrow, after which the so-called Fourth Plenary Joint Meeting of the Supervisory and Executive Committees will take place.

It is finally planned to summon the Nationalist Assembly for the purpose of organising a sound Central Headquarters of the Kuomintang.

SHANTUNG TROOPS TO
ATTACK FENG IN
HONAN.

(Hah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15th.
Taking advantage of the collision between the Honanese and Feng Yu Hsiang's troops, Shantung troops are again starting a campaign against Feng's troops. Their main forces are advancing in the direction of Kei-Teh, East Honan, on the Lungtai Railway.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
An unconfirmed report from Hankow states that Chin Yun Ao has captured Kaifeng and Chengchow. It is generally believed that Tang Seng Chi is supporting Chin Yun Ao against Feng Yu Hsiang with arms and ammunition, believing that Feng's elimination would strengthen his position on the Yangtze.

Fengtien official circles state that it has been decided to take advantage of Chin Yun Ao's attack to launch a general offensive against Feng. It is claimed that Yen Hsi Sheng has at last agreed to move his troops from the Peking-Hankow line to enable the Fengtienites to move southward against Feng.

Mr. George Hsu Chien is reported to have left Nanking. His destination is unknown.
The Kuomintang Conference was formally opened to-day at Nanking. The session of Friday and Saturday will be devoted to the discussion of general problems and election of a Special Committee to take over the three Central Kuomintang headquarters have been established by the Hankow, Nanking and Saishan or Right cliques, respectively.

COMMANDER OF 20,000
"ARRESTED."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, September 15th.
Koo Meng Yu, Chen Kong Pao, Li Lieh Chun, members of the C.E.C., Li Shih Tseng, Chang Ching Chang, members of the Central Supervisory Committee of Kuomintang, Liu Ping, and Ho Ying Ching's representative, left for Nanking yesterday evening. Wang Ching Wei, announces this morning's vernacular papers, desires to retire.

Owing to his cold reception at Nanking it is reported that Hsu Chien has left for an unknown destination.
General Lai Shih Wang commanding the Twenty-fourth Army Corps, entrained at the North Station yesterday evening, on departure to Nanking, but was arrested and taken to Ho Ying Ching's headquarters at Chapei, thence, wrongly guarded, to Lung-hwa.

Lai Shih Wang is a Fukienese, and commands 30,000 troops, distributed along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The reason for his arrest is at present unknown.

MR. HENRY FORD'S
GIGANTIC DEAL.PURCHASES NEARLY MILLION
AND QUARTER ACRES.

FOR RUBBER CULTIVATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 15th.
According to a report published in the New York World, Mr. Ford has bought 1,200,000 acres of land in Para, Brazil, for \$842,000,000 and is endeavouring to obtain an additional 2,800,000 acres, all of which will be used as rubber plantations.

"PRIDE OF DETROIT."

DISCONTINUES ITS WORLD
TOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, September 15th.
Though the *Pride of Detroit* aviators Messrs. Brock and Schlee were fully determined yesterday, to attempt to fly the Pacific, the entreaties of their friends and relatives, including a cable from the children of Mr. Schlee, imploring their father not to take a suicidal step, have resulted in a decision to give up the original intention, though the airman are bitterly disappointed.

Consequently, they are sailing by the first boat available for America.

P. & O. COMPANY.

STOCKHOLDERS OPPOSE IN-
CREASE OF CAPITAL.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 14th.
The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's meeting has been adjourned till October 12th.

Opposition was offered by stockholders, at the extraordinary meeting to-day, to the proposed increase of capital. Lord Inchcape, presiding, said that the company's charter had not left them any option in the matter.

An amendment was carried by 44 to 38 in favour of an adjournment, to enable the board to consider the deferred stockholders' views.

Lord Inchcape called for a poll, but subsequently announced that the meeting would be adjourned for two or three weeks.

[A message of September 6th stated: The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. propose to increase their capital to £7,632,000, by the issue of £1,000,000 of additional deferred stock. The new capital is required to pay for new tonnage, *et cetera*, *et cetera*. An extraordinary meeting is to be held on September 14th to pass a resolution in this connection. The new issue will be made at a price of £200 per £100 of deferred stock.]

BRITISH TRADE DELEGA-
TION.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, September 14th.
The members of the British Trade Delegation, who are investigating the conditions prevailing along the upper Yangtze, and who arrived at Wansien two days ago, have continued on their way to Chungking.

CHANGSHA READY TO
WELCOME FOREIGNERS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHANGSHA, September 14th.
When the Senior Naval Officer made an official visit to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to-day, he was received in a very friendly manner, and it was indicated that the return of foreigners would be welcomed. The Commissioner gave his guarantee for the safety of foreigners as far as Changsha.

By means of force, the Provincial Authorities are obtaining some of the Custom House revenue from the Superintendent.
Bandits are again active, their latest outrage being the cutting of the railway line some ten miles beyond Changsha, and the plundering of a train.

IRISH FREE STATE'S
"DAY OF DESTINY."GENERAL ELECTION
POLLING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DUBLIN, Sept. 15th.
Although polling in to-day's momentous General Election of the Irish Free State, opened slowly there is every prospect that more people will vote than ever before.

The voting is by numerals under the Proportional Representation system, and the task of placing preferences in this election is facilitated by the fact that there are 100 fewer candidates than last June and because of the elimination of three of the smaller political groups.

Posters declare: "This is the Free State's Day of Destiny."

NEW FRENCH TARIFF.

AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
ALARMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, September 14th.
The new French tariff, which came into operation a week ago, has surprised and alarmed American business men, and the United States Government has taken speedy action to remedy the absence of a commercial treaty with France. A proposed draft has already been submitted.

Hitherto American importers in France have generally paid only an intermediate scale of duties, but are now faced with the necessity of paying the maximum for their business under the new heavy duties, and are threatened in some cases with duties increased 600 per cent., whereas under the new Franco-German trade convention Germany obtains the minimum rates in numerous instances.

It is fully expected that a temporary agreement will be reached to enable American trade with France to continue until a new treaty is signed.

A semi-official statement says that the French Government is ready to negotiate a Franco-American commercial treaty, but meanwhile the Government recognises that the tariff changes weigh heavily on certain American imports. The Foreign Minister is investigating to see if it is not possible to mitigate this effect.

FRENCH WAR DEBT
PAYMENTS.THE ARRANGEMENT WITH
BRITAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, September 14th.
Three million pounds sterling is being paid by France to Britain to-day, in accordance with the provisional agreement concerning the French war debt concluded on February 10th. The previous instalment was paid on March 15th.

These payments do not cause any gold movement from France to Britain, the payment being assured by credits at the disposal of the French Government in British Treasury.

BRITISH SCIENTIST'S
TRAGIC DEATH.INQUEST ON NOTED
ANAESTHETIST.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, September 14th.
How a doctor gave his life for science was told at an inquest which was held at Manchester to-day into the death of Dr. Sidney Rawson Wilson, the eminent anaesthetist.

Dr. Wilson was found dead, by his wife. He had a mask round his mouth, and it was evident he had been experimenting with anaesthetics.

Witnesses deposed that he was accustomed to administer anaesthetics to himself, alone, in his study, and to make notes as far as possible of his sensations. He knew the serious risk involved, but trusted to his knowledge of the subject. His experiments were principally directed to invent a mixture of nitrous oxide gas and oxygen which would support consciousness, so that persons might be conscious to everything else except the sense of pain.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

THE SOVIET
EXECUTIONS.

THE MYSTERIOUS GOYER.

NEITHER ENGLISH NOR
DUTCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HELSINKI, Sept. 15th.

It is believed that Goyer is a Finnish sailor, who was prominently engaged in the Russian Secret Service, firstly, during the Czarist regime, then by the Cheka in most European countries. He was not executed despite the official announcement, but allowed to resume work for the Cheka under another name on account of his valuable espionage abilities.

[A previous telegram stated that Goyer was officially described as an English sea captain and unofficially as a Dutchman.]

THE LEAGUE'S NON-
PERMANENT SEATS.BELGIUM TO "TAKE A BACK
SEAT."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Sept. 15th.

In the Assembly League preliminary voting, Belgium failed to secure the requisite two-thirds majority to decide her eligibility for election for a non-Permanent seat on the Council. The vote was 29 votes against 19 in favour of re-eligibility but 32 votes are needed for a two-thirds majority.

It is now expected that the successful candidates will be Canada, Finland and Cuba.

The League and Disarmament.

GENEVA, September 14th.

The League disarmament committee debate produced a chorus of demands for early and effective steps.

Dr. Nasen (Norway) urged the hastening of the preparatory committee's work, and submitted a draft optional convention for compulsory arbitration.

Lord Onslow (Great Britain) alluded sympathetically to the Polish proposals, and reiterated that Britain was unable to undertake any increase in the existing guarantees and responsibilities, but would persist in the question of disarmament and was ready to examine the question of the private manufacture of arms.

Count Bernstorff (Germany) exclaimed that they should act quickly and act energetically in the interests of the Covenant, and interests of the League.

RUSSIA'S 'QUAKE.'

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE
DESTRUCTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, September 15th.

Further details of the earthquake on the Black Sea coast show that Corais and other places in the Yalta district have been seriously damaged. The buildings involved include many rest-houses and sanatoria. A big rock at Simeis called "Napoleon," crumbled into dust and a huge reservoir at Oreanda cracked, the water leaking out at the rate of 350,000 litres daily.

YUGO-SLAVAKIA'S GENERAL
ELECTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Belgrade, September 15th.

The general election of the Skupstina has resulted in 100 being returned for the Government parties, and 112 for the opposition.

MEXICO'S TERRIBLE
STORM.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE FEARED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 15th.

There are still only very meagre reports of the Mexican storm. Three thousand persons are reported to have fled for refuge to high ground overlooking the west coast. Mountainous walls of water rolled into the towns demolishing piers, buildings, wharves and taking a heavy toll of life.

JAPAN'S TYPHOON.

SAD HAVOC AMONG THE
FISHERMEN.

HOTELS SWEPT AWAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, September 15th.

According to despatches from Kyushu, 2,000 troops are assisting the local organisations to search for the missing and clear up the debris.

About 400 bodies have thus far been recovered.
A total of 500 fishing boats is reported to have been wrecked off Nagasaki. Twenty-five fishermen were drowned.

At Kawachi hot spring, twelve of the thirteen hotels were swept away by floods, and the thirteenth was seriously damaged.

NEW BRITISH WARSHIP.

H. M. S. "LONDON"
CHRISTENED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, September 14th.

The cruiser *London* was launched to-day at Portsmouth. Lady Bladen, the Lady Mayoress of London, appropriately performed the christening ceremony.

The *London*, which is of 10,000 tons, is the first of four cruisers of the 1925 programme. Designed by Sir William Berry, the Director of Naval Construction, she is also the first ship of her type. The name *London* has been perpetuated in the history of the British Navy, the new warship being the eighth of the line.

THE MILLIONAIRE FLIER.

MR. LEVINE LEAVING PARIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, September 14th.

The American millionaire, Mr. Levine, who has abandoned the re-crossing of the Atlantic by air, declared to-day that he will start on a flight to the East to-morrow.

Bad weather prevented Levine starting his flight eastwards.

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

WILL MR. HUGHES TRY
AGAIN?

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, September 14th.

While hitherto it has not been decided to support any particular Republican candidate for the Presidency, it is intimated that from the personal viewpoint Mr. Mellon will favour the former Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, but it is added that this does not necessarily mean that he will be behind Mr. Hughes should the latter be a candidate.

President Coolidge "Definitely Out of the Field."

Washington, Sept. 15th.
Mr. Mellon states that President Coolidge is definitely out of the field and won't run for the Presidency in 1929.

THE RIGA REVOLT.

PARTICIPATORS SHOT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Riga, September 14th.

Six participants in the recent Riga insurrection have been summarily condemned and shot.
The leader, Captain Maijus, is believed to have escaped to Germany.

TRIAL OF ITALIAN
EX-DEPUTY.SENTENCE ON TURATI AND
ACCOMPLICES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rome, September 15th.

The trial at Savona of the Socialist ex-deputy, Philippe Turati and others who assisted in Turati's flight in a motor-boat from Italy to Corsica last December 15th, has ended. Turati and five others were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, one to 11 months, and four acquitted. Turati was sentenced *in absentia*.

OBITUARY.

MR. ARTHUR BOURCHIER
DIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14th.

The death has occurred of the actor, Mr. Arthur Bouchier.

[Mr. Arthur Bouchier, who was one of the best known of the English actor-managers, was born at Speen, Berkshire, in 1863, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford.]

Bouchier was the founder of the famous O.U.D.S. (Oxford University Dramatic Society) whose productions were restricted to Shakespeare and the classics. After playing many parts at Oxford he first appeared on the professional stage with Mrs. Langtry at Wolverhampton in September, 1880. His London debut took place in February, 1890, at the St. James's as Jacques in "As You Like It."

In 1896 he became lessee of the Royal and in 1898-7 toured in America. In 1910 he and his wife joined Tree at His Majesty's where Bouchier scored a notable success as Henry VIII. At the Shakespeare Tercentenary performance at Drury Lane on May 2nd, 1916, he played Brutus in the all-star cast of "Julius Caesar." In 1916-17 he toured variety theatres and in the latter year began to play Old Bill in the "Bitter Ole" which had a run of 300 performances. His first marriage (to Miss Violet Vanbrugh in 1894) having been dissolved, he married in 1917 the actress Miss Kylie Bell with whom he appeared in modern melodrama.

Both as a tragedian and a comedian Bouchier took high rank on the London stage.]

BACK FROM THEIR
CANADIAN TOUR.PRINCES DELIGHTED WITH
THEIR VISIT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 14th.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George have arrived in London from Canada.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Sept. 14th.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George were to visit to Canada. Their arrival, both at the port of Southampton and at Waterloo Station, London, was devoid of ceremony. The only touch of formality was the reading of a short address at Southampton by the Mayor.

Despite the informality of their homecoming, however, large crowds gathered at Southampton and at Waterloo, and cheered the Princes. Captain Alan Lussell, a member of the Prince of Wales's suite, stated that the Prince was fit and well after a very strenuous time. "We have had a wonderful and eventful trip to and from Canada, and everyone has enjoyed it. The Prince was simply delighted with his visit to the Dominion, and was particularly impressed by the development of the mining industry."

It was pointed out that the Prince's visit was a story of long hours of travel and countless ceremonies. He went to see his ranch, but actually had only about two clear days there. The remainder of his time was occupied by official visits, and travels to the Rocky Mountains and Pacific seaboard. The Prince enjoyed the rest on the voyage home in the liner *Empress of Scotland*, but entered wholeheartedly into the amusements on board, showing the same informality which has distinguished the whole of his tour.

LAWN TENNIS.

JAPANESE ELIMINATED IN
U.S. CONTEST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 15th.

Lacoste defeated Hare, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in the third round of the National Singles Championship, which signalled the elimination of the best of the five Japanese. Hennessey, the Indianapolis, beat Cochet, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

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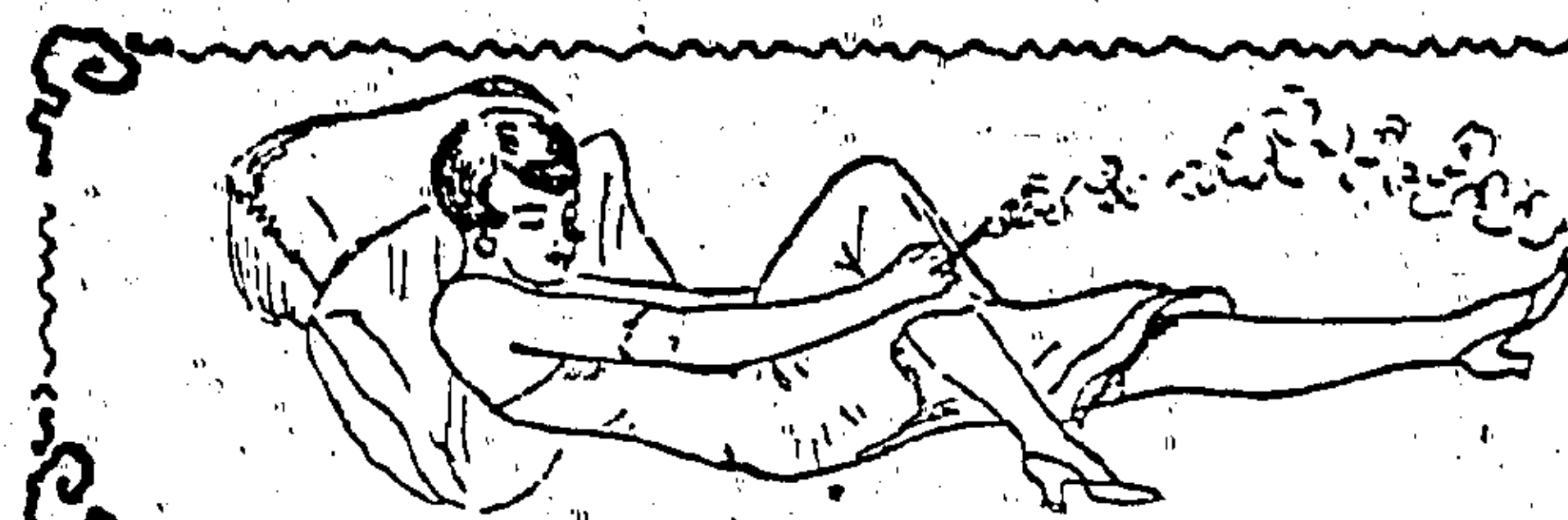
MADAME R. SARRAULT

has now opened
her new Salon

at

No. 10, Ice House Street.

[A.P.B.]



The

WOMAN'S PAGE

FACING THE SITUATION AT No. 10.

No. 10, Ice House Street, the new premises of Madame Sarrault, although not yet quite finished is very charming and promises to be still more so. It has a sense of intimacy and comfort about it, which makes buying a pleasure and something of a luxury. But the French are nothing if not practical and Madame has faced the present situation squarely. We all complain that money is short as the fashions, and the latter are more alluring than ever. The braver among us look and long and turn away, others sign chits! Now



A smart frock for checked silk or a fine all wool material. The inverted pleats keep the skirt trim and give plenty of freedom for walking.

Madame enters once more in the rôle of Fairy Godmother, "I am going to make dresses," she told me "that shall be within the reach of every one, afternoon frocks for 30 dollars or so and evening dresses for 50 or 60." So Madame designs and the clever Chinese tailors sew and with the aid of a skilled French fitter the wardrobes of No. 10 are being filled with the smartest little creations each one of which bears that enviable hall mark "French."

Here are three characteristic dance dresses. A slender dress of pale lemon brocade chiffon has a circular skirt and the long top cut into vandykes. A lovely flame-coloured orchid is posed in front of the left hip. Beside it hangs a frilly net frock veiling a slip of black charmeuse and trimmed with a huge red rose. A straight little bodice with shoulder straps is cut from violet velvet and its skirts consists of three columbine frills of violet net.

On the way from Paris is a shipment of French silks, laces, and flowers, with the very latest information about the coming mode. The dance season, which will be opening soon should see some really lovely little dresses within the reach of every purse.

BY THE WAY.

EVENING WAISTCOATS.—The woolen house coat which has been such a boon since it was first introduced some ten years ago, now finds a complement in the evening waistcoat. These little garments combine a useful and a decorative purpose; often they are specially made to be worn with a particular dress, of the same or a contrasting material; sometimes as a quite separate item which can be put on over nearly every thing. I saw a couple of these at Pamela's this week in velvet. The one white with embroidery in yellows and warm browns and the other *vison rose* with similar embroidery in pink and mauve. Both, of course, were sleeveless and very chic; they fasten with a decorative cord at neck and waist.

Continuing her sale Pamela has now some lovely afternoon and evening dresses for under \$30 and others at half price.

SCENT SPRAYS.—Lane, Crawford's are showing some charming new scent spray bottles in brightly coloured glass, orange, red and yellow with non-tarnishing gold metal fittings. On the modern toilet table these gay little bottles would be very attractive.

AUTUMN COATS.—Whiteaway Laidlaw's have in a large selection of autumn coats both short and long. Some of them are knitted, others in fine reps and velours and they are nearly all trimmed with fur or cut wool collar and cuffs. A lightweight coat is already almost a necessity for we are apt to get quite chilly evenings after a hot day, and you would be hard to please if you could not find one you liked among this selection.

SALE OF DRESSES AND HATS.—On Monday begins a sale at the Sign of the Lantern of summer dresses and hats all marked at half price. There should still be nearly three months during which we can wear summer clothes and this sale is certainly a great opportunity.

DAINTY SEWING SETS AND MANICURE CASES.—I found at Whiteaway, Laidlaw's two little novelties; one a pocket "hus'if" containing black and white cotton, needles, thimble and scissors in a gay celluloid container, the other a pocket manicure set. There is always something very attractive about such "cunning" little contrivances especially when they combine usefulness with decorative appeal.

NEW CLOTHES.—The latest fashions though we only see them in the shop windows or in the pages of *Vogue* have an irresistible appeal to all women. In Powell's the other day I had the pleasure of seeing the latest afternoon dresses and evening cloaks and frocks. A blue and silver brocade cloak with a roll collar was the appropriate wrap for a lovely picture dress in soft lavender blue satin. The dress which approached the *robe de style* was cut rather on the lines of those which Lavin has been designing lately, but it is a modified Lavin far more suitable for most of us than his somewhat extravagant bell skirts. The combination of the lavender blue and lace of a deep Paris shade is very charming and makes a distinctive little dress. For afternoon wear it would be hard to find anything smarter than a *crêpe de chine* three piece in navy blue and flesh colour. The skirt is fine machine pleated in an apron effect, the jumper which is of flesh colour has tiny horizontal tucks, and the navy blue cardigan has a border of embroidery in silk cord the same tone as the jumper.

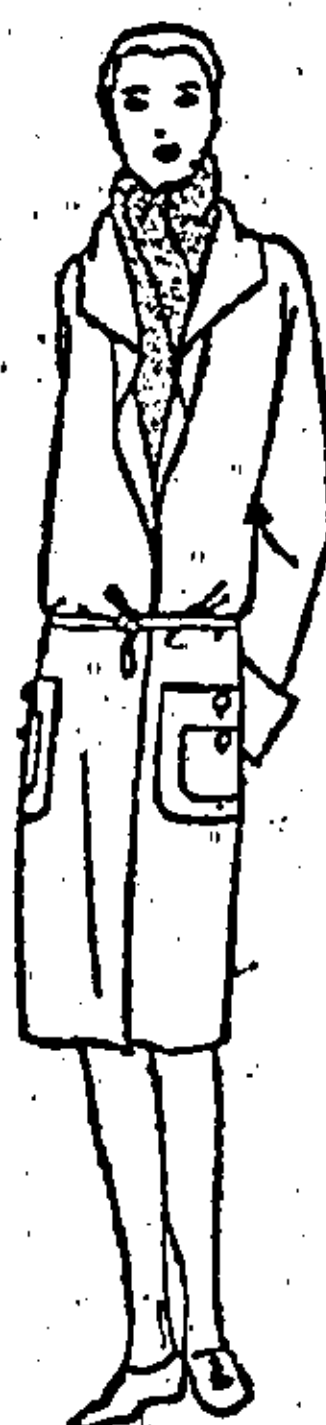
WHITE COATS.—White coats both for sports and street wear are to be very much worn this autumn, I am told. I was looking at some in Lane, Crawford's which promise that it will be a very attractive fashion. They are made in fine flannel, rep and gabardine and in all styles from the new sports wrap illustrated on this page to quite elaborately cut and trimmed models.

AN EYE FOR COLOUR.

HOW IT APPLIES TO EIDERDOWNS.

Wilson Steer, the great English landscape painter, whose canvases have the glow of a Turner with the breadth and forceful massing of Constable, once spoke of "Those fancy colour eyes." By this he meant an ability to see all the colours of the spectrum on the green of a tree or in human flesh. "Fancy colour eyes" are a dangerous possession; if you have them you are apt to let your appreciation of the relationship of colours lead you into effects which jar upon other people. But it is far more general, and tragic, to have no eye for colour at all.

So much has been heard lately of the *ensemble* that we are beginning to be afraid of colour. If you habitually dress in *bois de rose*, even as some do down to your underwear, the combination of cyclamen and lavender, with a note of scarlet to hold the two together, in your drawing room sounds impossible; as impossible as that Victorian alliance of sage green and crimson, which one meets in certain seaside lodgings.



The newest sports coat is not unlike a man's dressing gown and has been designed for the shingled maiden.

The relationship of colours is a subject of much controversy. Some of the Chinese costumes which we see here strike the European eye as being lovely, others as garish in the extreme.

Silk damask curtains of blue, orange, and deep green, made a field against which an eiderdown, with a vivid blue and orange pattern on a black ground, was displayed on a stand, just opposite the lift, at Whiteaway, Laidlaw's. It was a bold and striking demonstration of the mass effect of bright colour, admirable as a show stand because it attracted immediate attention, but somewhat over-emphasised for room decoration. Such a combination shows the value of a bed spread in the colour scheme of your room.

Modern bedroom furniture is simple in style and colour, and, as a general rule, flowers and coloured pictures are not seen. The bed should be the point around which the decorative scheme is built up; except, of course, in the boudoir bedroom. It follows then that whatever colour there is in the room should be subordinated to the decoration of the bed. This can be arrived at in one of two ways either by making the bed the dominant note of colour or by using the decorative scheme of the room to emphasise its whiteness. The former is perhaps the easiest method, the rich colours of curtains, a panel behind the head board or an eiderdown can be used as the culminating point of all the colour in the room.

An eiderdown, that delightful gallic interpretation of the *plumeau*, is as comfortable as it is decorative. It gives warmth without weight which is what one wants here above all. There are many other designs among the eiderdowns in Whiteaway, Laidlaw's, some with delicate pastel colourings and the new rounded corners, and others with more vivid hues. The one I myself liked best was a combination of black and grey with a decorative panel on which large fawn chrysanthemums made a note of warmth, but, of course, your choice should depend upon the colour and furnishings of your bedroom.

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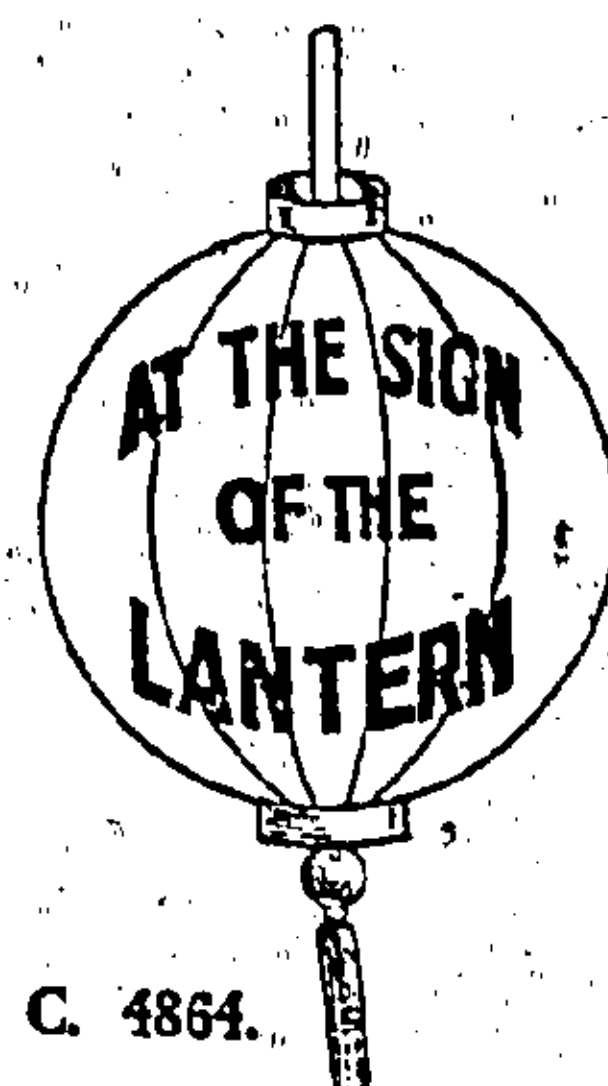
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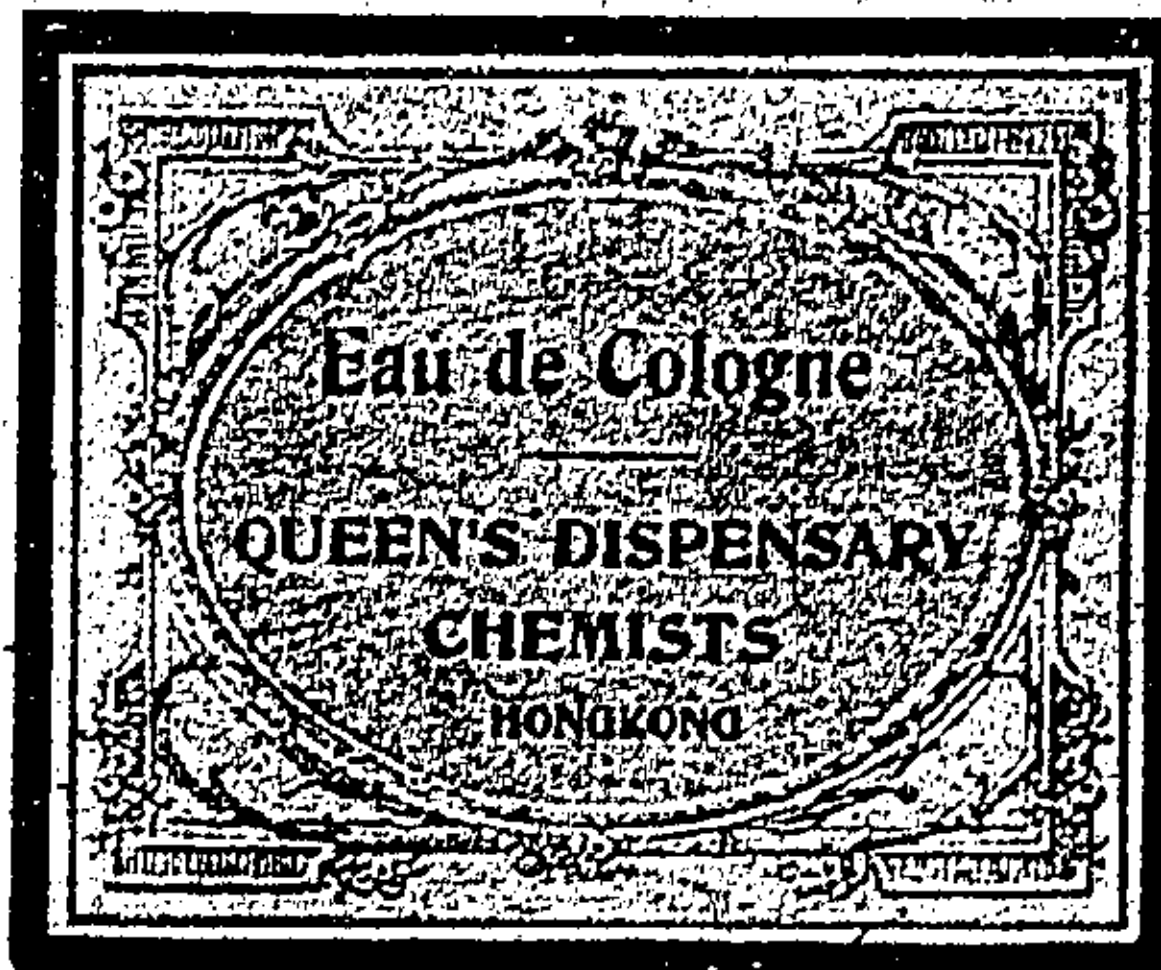
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KISSING NO GROUND FOR DIVORCE.

Kissing among actors and actresses was declared to be innocuous and not necessarily a ground for divorce, by a Paris court recently.

Jane Maguenat, a young Parisian actress and her husband, M. Levin, a theatrical producer and playwright, decided mutually that their matrimonial adventure had lasted long enough, and both petitioned for divorce. They separated, but before the case was called the husband accused his wife of infidelity, and cited as co-respondent

another actor. He made particular point of the phrase, "I send you a kiss," at the end of one of the letters. The husband deduced from this that his wife had been unfaithful, and demanded divorce. "Bah!" exclaimed the wife's counsel. "What is a kiss among the men and women of the stage? Nothing. Actors and actresses kiss one another every night on the stage, and nobody thinks it is wrong."

The court agreed, and pronounced a judgment of Solomon, awarding the divorce to both parties and adding a rider that "kissing among members of the theatrical profession is harmless."

BUDGET FOR 1928
PASSED.

(Continued from page 1.)

HON. MR. W. E. L. SHENTON.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton said:—Your Excellency, in your speech introducing the estimates which are now before us, you have directed general attention to a retrospect of this Colony's history for the past thirty years—a period of great interest, not only to the residents of this Colony, but to all who are concerned in any manner in the Far East. Unquestionably, Your Excellency's review will be closely followed in many parts of the world. No resident of this Colony could have listened to or read Your Excellency's survey of events and figures without a feeling of satisfaction as to the stable basis on which this Colony rests, and a sense of pride in its continuous prosperity in the face of all adversities. Your Excellency has referred to three set backs in this Colony's career during the period under review, but a close scrutiny of the figures goes to show that although we are at present experiencing a time of commercial depression, nevertheless its resources are stronger than they have ever been.

The years which Your Excellency has chosen by way of comparison are:—

1908 as compared with 1908.
1918 as compared with 1920.
1923 as compared with 1926.

The revenue of 1908 was \$7,035,011 and for 1908 \$6,104,207, a difference of \$930,804. The revenue for 1918 was \$18,665,243 and for 1920 \$14,689,671, a difference of \$3,975,572. The revenue for 1923 was \$24,783,782 and for 1926 \$21,131,361, a difference of \$3,652,421. The land sales for 1918 were \$12,941,525, for 1920 \$8,939,351, for 1923 \$22,929,523, for 1926 \$353,349, for 1923 \$3,488,797 and for 1926 \$256,342.

Land Sales.

Land sales, if I may be permitted to say so, should not be taken into consideration when calculating this Colony's revenue, as they vary according to the whim of the speculator and are a varying factor over which there is no control. Large revenue from land sales unfortunately indicates either trouble in China or an unhealthy financial condition in this Colony. It must also be borne in mind that by reason of the large reclamation schemes now in course of development, the demand for Crown Land is likely to be restricted for some time to come.

For the purpose of my argument, therefore, I propose to reduce the revenue from land sales during the year 1923 to a normal basis, and for the purpose of demonstration I shall adopt the year 1926, and the position, therefore, is that the difference in revenue between 1908 and 1908 was \$930,804 between 1918 and 1920 \$3,975,572 and between 1923 and 1926, after deducting the land sales of the year 1923 and adding the land sales of the year 1926, \$449,726. We consequently arrive at this conclusion that, notwithstanding the fact that revenue in 1923 was about three and a half times as great as the revenue in 1908, and the expenditure even greater, after deducting the large land sales of 1923 and putting them on the basis of 1926, i.e. \$256,342, which on the present estimates is a high figure, the actual position between 1908 and 1908 as compared with 1923, our record year, and 1926 is most illuminating, because the figures show a loss of revenue for the year 1908 of \$900,000, whilst for the year 1923 only \$449,726 or favourable to the year 1926 by \$181,078. The position between the year 1920 and the year 1926 is too obvious even for comparison.

Such a state of affairs after the trying and difficult years through which this Colony has passed when disrupting elements have done everything in their power to ruin it, can only be a matter for mutual congratulation and outstanding evidence of the great strength of its resources and the stability of its constitution.

The Loan Policy.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary has, in the course of his speech, intimated the policy of Your Excellency, to finance certain schemes of general public utility coming under the category of Public Works Extraordinary, by loans secured on the public revenue of this Colony. This policy, although not new to the Colony is exceptional, as the previous policy has been to meet, as far as possible, all expenditure out of current revenue. Whilst it cannot be denied that it is unfair to make the present generation pay for the advantages which posterity will reap the most advantage of, nevertheless in the present condition of the Colony's finances, the utmost care should be exercised in embarking on new schemes, confining them as far as possible to essential requirements, as against luxuries.

In this connection advantage might be gained from an examination of our financial position for the past five years by comparing our revenue against our expenditure, leaving out of our calculations (for reasons I have already stated) the revenue obtained from land sales. In the year 1922, the surplus was \$1,000,253.33, the year 1923 shows a deficit of \$276,000.30, the year 1924 a deficit of \$4,426,024.53, the year 1925 a deficit of \$3,562,689, the year 1926 a deficit of \$2,679,460, the year 1927 an estimated deficit, including land sales, of \$1,787,203 and the year 1928 an estimated deficit, including land sales, of \$2,070,655.

At the end of the year 1923 on the present basis of figures it would appear that we shall have used up our present liquid assets. Assuming the present conditions prevail for the year 1929, we shall be faced with having to exercise more rigid economy or look for fresh sources of taxation, therefore, too much care cannot be exercised in embarking on new enterprises.

We are, however, fortunate, in that the ambitious programme which was undertaken in the past, will, I understand, have been completed and paid for out of revenue by the end of the year 1923. We must not be forgetful of the fact that those responsible in the past have handed down to us an inheritance almost unencumbered, a position possibly unique and posterity will have every right to look to us for a similar stewardship. We must also bear in mind that posterity may have legitimate claims for borrowing, or circumstances may arise in the future, as in the past, which may call for claims on the Colony's credit, consequently it would be undesirable to borrow up to the full extent of the Colony's resources. I notice that the Government has not confined its borrowings to money in the past, for on page 68 of the estimates (item 19) I find that have borrowed a mechanical device, now in operation at the junction between Des Voeux Road Central and Pedder Street, for keeping the public of the Colony presumably in the right path.

The period through which the Colony has now passed has been a very difficult one for every business concern, and though we appear happily to have turned the corner, and there are signs of better times, nevertheless a very considerable improvement will be required before the former position is again reached. At the present it cannot be denied we are chiefly suffering from the disturbed conditions in China, but there is, nevertheless, a general all-round want of confidence, which is assisting to stagnate every market. Every effort, whether by legislation or by individual effort to restore the old confidence and re-establish institutions and concerns to their former position, should be the aim and object on all sides.

Cost Of Living.

A matter of great concern and undoubted importance, is the continually rising cost of living in this Colony. It affects everyone, but more so that large body of essential residents, who are employed, and without whom the Colony cannot exist. This matter should receive special consideration and it might be possible to hold a representative inquiry to ascertain, if possible, its causes, also to appoint a permanent official to keep a continual watch on the position and investigate generally. One of the troubles would appear to be the various profits which are made from the time foodstuffs arrive in the Colony until they reach the ultimate consumer. Efforts might be made to bring the retail consumer into more direct contact with the supplier. It must be borne in mind that the facilities and inducements for spending money have much increased in recent years, also that the residents of the Colony are living at a standard of luxury hardly contemplated fifteen or twenty years ago.

I note that it has been found necessary to detail an officer specially to look after the accounting and financial work of the Supreme Court. I have difficulty in understanding this necessity because in years past when the business of the Courts was greater than it now is, no such provision was made or considered requisite.

Ravages Of Malaria.

I have noted with particular interest the provision which is being made to deal with malaria, and instructing the villagers, in sanitation and hygiene. Unquestionably in the past the ravages of malaria have robbed the Colony of an immense amount of manpower, so great that it is impossible to value it in money, therefore, no effort is too great to deal with this scourge. Bound up with malaria and other diseases are sanitation and hygiene in our villages, because cleanliness and care in the villages will go a long way to eradicate malaria.

Under public works recurrent, the Honourable the Colonial Secretary has dealt with the maintenance of bridges and the upkeep of our splendid roads. I would, however, like to draw the Honourable the Colonial Secretary's attention to the fact that the Taiipo bridge, which is in the main line of traffic,

has been demolished for something like two years and during the whole of that period, there has only been a temporary wooden bridge, capable of carrying Light motor traffic. For all practical purposes the position to-day is the same as after the demolition of the bridge two years ago.

From a perusal of the estimates it would appear that whilst a small increase is expected in business and commercial transactions, a substantial increase in immigration from China may be looked for. I note that whilst the fees for marriage licences and the registration of births and deaths may be expected to increase by fifty per cent., the public executioners' fees are expected to increase to a similar extent.

British Products.

A careful consideration of the details of expenditure of the various departments reveals the information that several steam launches, motor boats, motor cars and machinery are to be purchased in the coming year, and it is to be hoped that the selection will be confined to those of British manufacture and if construction is called for or production possible in this Colony preference will as far as possible be given to this Colony. Similar principles might with advantage be adopted by all Government Departments as well as by private concerns in this Colony as our industrial concerns require special assistance in these times.

Kowloon Matters.

I desire, on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association, to draw Your Excellency's attention to two matters—Bathing facilities and the Star Ferry Kowloon approach road. As to the question of bathing facilities, this matter has been fully dealt with by the Bathing Beach Committee, and estimates prepared in connection with the Report. The Association, whilst appreciating fully the general financial position, so ably elucidated by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, hopes that Your Excellency will be able to see your way, year by year, to allocate money in this direction, increasing the amount as conditions improve. Whilst I am informed by people who are able to speak with personal knowledge, that in this Colony far more has been done by the Government to assist public bathing than in Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo and other places, nevertheless, as the Association has pointed out, the fact that sea bathing in this Colony has increased in popularity enormously in the last few years—that it makes for health and hygiene, and is, therefore, of general benefit to the Colony. It should not be forgotten that a large proportion of the bathing public are, for various reasons, without motor transport or motorised.

As regards the Star Ferry Kowloon approach road, the congestion at most times of the day is appalling, and the Association have prepared and submitted to Your Excellency an elaborate scheme, which it hopes will meet with Your Excellency's approval.

Kowloon Tong.

I further desire, on behalf of the Kowloon Tong Residents' Association, to draw Your Excellency's attention to their request for completed houses and the remainder will, I believe, be completed next year. The scheme provides homes for a section of our community which has a real call on our assistance, and whilst the Association appreciates the very substantial sums budgeted for the coming year in favour of Kowloon Tong, a market will be a great boon to them.

In conclusion, may I express the desire on behalf of my brother Justices of the Peace whom I have the honour to represent that a new cycle of prosperity and good fortune and the future has in store that cordial and friendly relations with the neighbouring provinces of China and her people, which must redound to the mutual benefit of all, and go a long way to assist in the all round commercial prosperity. (Applause.)

HON. MR. R. H. KOTTEWALL.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kottewall said:—Sir, The fact of presenting the views of the Chinese community on the Budget has fallen on me this year, and my senior Chinese colleague desires me to say that he associates himself with all the views and sentiments I am about to express.

Arising out of the item "Assessed Taxes" which appears on page 5 of the draft Estimates, I beg to bring to your Excellency's notice an anomaly which exists in the present method of valuation under the Rating Ordinance. This is to be seen in some cases in which the owner of a partially occupied house has to pay a larger sum for the rates for one quarter than the rents he receives for one month. The payment for rates is altogether out of proportion to the rents received, and I submit that the Ordinance should be so amended as to give the Assessor discretionary power, which he has not at present, to make a special valuation in these cases. Happily, such cases are few, but where they exist, they constitute an obvious injustice.

School Fees.

The item "Public School Fees" on page 5 shows an increase of \$67,000. When commenting upon

this increase in his speech at the last meeting of this Council, the Hon. Colonial Secretary characterized it as "a small increase," and said that it could not be considered a serious burden. I agree that the sum is small when it is spread over the whole population, or when it is compared with the amount spent on education by the Government. But to those individuals who have children to educate, particularly to those of the working classes earning from \$30 to \$100 a month, the additional fee would be a very serious burden indeed. Hit by the prolonged trade depression, with the cost of living steadily rising, these people already find it hard to make both ends meet; and many parents of large families are not a little exercised in their minds as to how they are to keep their children at school when the increase takes effect. One inevitable result would be that a large number of children would have to be withdrawn from school to the detriment of themselves and, consequently, of Society. Representations, couched in the most earnest terms, from all classes of the Chinese community praying that the Government may see its way to reconsider its decision, have been made to my senior Chinese colleague and myself, and we feel bound to support this request. Heavy as our expenditure on education is, I respectfully submit that money spent by the State should not be regarded as a strictly business investment, such as, for example, money spent on a railway when the outlay must be commensurate with the direct return expected. The value of State education cannot be assessed in terms of dollars; it is in many ways analogous to the governmental policy in regard to Public Health. Your Excellency has been even more precise in stressing the point. When replying to the unofficial members during the Budget debate last year, you said that money spent by us on education was of the utmost value to British interests in China, and you further expressed your agreement with the Chinese unofficial members when they said that they did not grudge the expenditure. Since these utterances were made, nothing has occurred to justify a change of policy on the part of the Government. I would therefore respectfully but strongly urge your Excellency to postpone enforcement of your decision until times are better. If this small financial gain is placed against the hardship to the people who will be unable to bear the extra burden, and the bad effect which the increase will have on the community through a setback to education, it will at once be apparent that the balance weighs heavily in favour of postponement.

There is a further matter in connection with education, to which I desire to call attention. The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in his speech at the last meeting of this Council, warned non-Government schools receiving grants under the Education Code, that in future a limit must be fixed on the grants under the Code and that expansions involving claims beyond the amount provided in the Estimates would not be admitted by the Government as a legitimate charge on the revenue. While I recognise that a limit must be set to such grants owing to the need for economy, I venture to hope that the Government will consider special applications in a sympathetic and liberal spirit, for any action tending to retard the natural expansion of a school which is doing good work would be a retrogressive step, to be much deplored.

My senior Chinese colleague and I note with satisfaction that \$10,000 has been provided in the Estimates for the purchase of water-meters for Kowloon. This is welcome news in that the popular demand, hitherto made by the Chinese without result, is now being met, if only to a partial extent. We raised the question last year, and it is gratifying to us to find that our representations have borne fruit.

On behalf of the Directors of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals we beg to thank your Excellency for having sanctioned the payment of the cost of free burials carried out by these two institutions. The Chinese community's keenly sensible of the sympathetic interest which your Excellency takes in their welfare.

Chinese Loyalty.

I must not conclude, sir, without associating the Chinese community with the congratulations as well as the assurances of loyalty and support tendered by the Honourable Senior Unofficial Member. During the troublous times through which the Colony has passed, the community has been greatly heartened by the practical sympathy shown by His Majesty's Government on more than one occasion. The loyalty which the Chinese feel towards the Government is equalled by the loyalty they feel for your Excellency personally. The patience, judgment and untiring zeal which you have displayed in governing the Colony in these extremely difficult times have won the respect, admiration and, I may say, affection of the people. Your example has been an inspiration to us all—an inspiration which has steered us against adversity, and renewed our faith in the future. (Applause.)

COLONIAL SECRETARY
REPLIES.

The Colonial Secretary said:—The very favourable reception accorded to the Budget by my unofficial colleagues has robbed the task of replying to the debate of most of its difficulties. I would first like to thank my honourable friends for their very kind references to the way in which the Budget was presented, and explained. It is to my staff rather than to myself that any tribute should be paid.

The Government is highly gratified that its policy of economy combined, as we hope, with no loss of efficiency has met with such unanimous acceptance by the Unofficial Members of the Council. We are glad to find that our loan proposals have met with approval, and in this connection I would like to remind some of our outside critics that even loans have to be paid for. Our modest loan of \$5,000,000, and we admit it is modest, will cost us ultimately \$634,000 per annum, and moreover, although we have reason to believe there is ample money in the Colony to have enabled us to raise a larger loan, we do not wish to drain the money market of funds which ought to be held in readiness to finance the improved trade to which we are all confidently looking forward.

Water Supply and Meter Rents.

The Honourable the Senior Unofficial Member drew attention to an estimated decrease in the revenue from water excess supply and meter rents of \$70,000. The apparent decrease is due to an over-estimate for 1927. The actual revenues have been as follows:—

1924 \$540,534
1925 \$531,035
1926 \$471,679

For 1927, in view of the increase in the charge for water to shipping and for wharf and building supplies from which an increase of \$100,000 was expected, the estimate based on normal years, was placed at \$540,000. The year has not been so normal, and we now expect to realize only \$359,000 from this source in 1927. We hope for a better year in 1928 and have estimated our revenue at \$570,000.

The Government will not overlook the views of Honourable Members on the advantages of afforestation and on the necessity for improving the local supply of vegetables and similar commodities. These matters have received much consideration from Government in recent months, and the Honourable Member himself drew attention to the good work being done by the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee. The Government hopes that the labours of the Committee, which it desires to encourage in every possible way, will stimulate the interest of the farming community and lead to increased production.

The Government is glad to find that its proposals for the increase of the Police Force meet with approval, and welcomes and endorses the recognition of the good work of the Police and District Watch Force under the Captain Superintendent of Police and Secretary for Chinese Affairs respectively.

Harbour Proposals.

The Government is pleased to find that its proposals with regard to the Harbour as set out in Sessional Paper No. 8 of 1927 have been approved by Honourable Members. It is also gratified that the approval shown towards its proposals of improving the Medical and Sanitary Services of the Colony, but regrets that practical difficulties prevent it from acceding to the request that private practitioners be allowed to practise in Government Hospitals.

The question of the Vehicular Ferry has not been lost sight of, but it is an expensive undertaking and more investigation has been found necessary than was at first anticipated. The information will be laid before Honourable Members as soon as it is available.

As regards the Water Supply, that very busy officer, my Honourable Friend the Director of Public Works, is engaged on the preparation of a comprehensive report on the various possible schemes for supplying the inhabitants of this Colony with that most precious of all commodities, good water, and the results of his labours will in due course be laid before you for consideration. When the necessary information has been collected His Excellency intends, as he promised last year to appoint a Commission to consider the whole subject.

The Government is very pleased to find that the Council's wholehearted endorsement of its efforts to provide the Colony with an Aerodrome suitable for modern aircraft, and trusts that the hopes of the full amount of the suggested Imperial Contribution will not be disappointed.

Turning now to the remarks of the Honourable the Second Chinese Member, I can assure him that his representation on the subject of the Assessed Taxes will receive the most careful consideration from the Government.

School Fees.

The Government regrets that it does not feel able to forego the revenue to be derived from the small increase in the School fees. The increases were first suggested in 1923 and were referred by the Director of Education to the Board of Education for consideration. A Committee of the Board considered the matter and its report has been printed as a Sessional Paper and has been laid on the Table to-day for the information of Honourable Members. The Board of Education accepted the recommendations of the Committee and it is these proposals which have been adopted by the Government.

There has been no general raising of school fees, and in particular there has been no increase in the fees for Vernacular Schools.

Nor have the fees for the five lower classes in King's and Queen's Colleges been raised.

The effect of the changes is to bring the fees of the Ellis Kadoorie, Wanchai and Yau-mat School into line with the fees for the lower classes of King's and Queen's Colleges the education on given being of a precisely similar character.

Apart from this, the increases have been in the fees for the higher classes which are mostly attended by the children of parents well able to afford the higher fees. Increased fees for higher classes are already well known here and elsewhere, and are justified by the increased cost of the education given. Provision has been made for deserving children of poor parents by an increase in the number of free scholarships. The Government would not have agreed to increase the fees had it not been satisfied that no serious hardship is involved. The demand for the more expensive classes at King's and Queen's Colleges greatly exceeds the accommodation available and the increased fees are still well below many of the fees at private and grant-in-aid schools. The Government can safely promise sympathetic consideration to the claims of the grant-in-aid schools, and the sums provided show that that sympathy will have a very practical application.

Turning now to the remarks of the Honourable Member representing the Justices of the Peace, I should like to express my agreement with his tribute of praise to our predecessors for handing down to us a practically unencumbered inheritance, and he may rest assured that every care will be taken before embarking on new enterprises which might encumber the estate.

The Cost of Living.

The Honourable Member referred to the continually rising cost of living in this Colony. The Government will take note of and consider the Honourable Member's suggestion, but I fear that the increase in the cost of living is due to causes over which this Government has no control.

I regret I cannot agree with the Honourable Member's remarks on the subject of the proposed new post of an Accountant in the Supreme Court Registry. The Government is fully satisfied as to the need for this appointment.

Reference was made to the Tai Po Bridge. The Government regrets the delay in the rebuilding of the damaged bridge, but the fact that this bridge had been damaged on no less than three occasions makes it necessary to take exceptional care with the site and the design. The bridge now under construction is the fourth design which was made by the Engineers and, as compared with the earlier designs will result in a considerable saving of Public money, and it is hoped thoroughly satisfactory bridge. The work is being pushed on with the utmost vigour, and it is expected that it will be finished early in November next.

The Honourable Member's views as to the utilization of local and Empire resources in the matter of launches, motor cars and other material are endorsed by the Government and will be borne fully in mind.

Three other matters were referred to by the Honourable Member—Bathing Beaches, The Star Ferry approaches at Kowloon, and the Kowloon Tong Market. These are all matters which the Government views sympathetically; all of them came up for consideration with this year's Budget, and all were reluctantly omitted for want of funds.

No Fears For The Future.

It was not to be expected that the Government's proposals would pass without criticism, but I am most grateful to Honourable Members for the very temperate criticism to which they have subjected the Budget proposals for the year 1928. The Budget had before to be shown of all those large and attractive schemes which make boom-time Budgets so pleasant and so popular. We are still moving in difficult times, but, relying on that co-operation which has in the past been given so freely and so spontaneously by our unofficial colleagues, the Government has no fears for the future and fully shares the very justifiable confidence expressed by the spokesmen for the unofficial side of this Council. We are convinced that we can, without an undue increase of the burden of taxation, maintain the efficiency of our Administration, and at the same time make steady and solid, if quiet and unostentatious progress.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. The Governor: I am deeply grateful to the junior Chinese member for the reference to myself and I thank all members, Official and Unofficial, for the very friendly reception accorded to this Budget and for the careful consideration given to it. The Colonial Secretary has replied so fully on points of detail that there is nothing left for me to add. I now put it to the meeting that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was carried and the Bill was read a second time. Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Upon Council resuming, The Colonial Secretary proposed that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

H.E. The Governor: I thank hon. members very sincerely for the provision made for the Public Services next year.

THE FIVE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN.

The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill to make provision for a loan of \$5,000,000 for the carrying out of certain public works.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

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Council then adjourned until next Thursday, September 22nd.

"A KISS FOR CINDERELLA" AT THE QUEEN'S.

BARRIE FANTASY ON THE SCREEN.

A CURIOUSLY INTERESTING FILM.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"A Kiss for Cinderella" is Barrie in his most whimsical mood—another Peter Pan with its genius veiled by the somewhat artificial sentiment of Dear Brutus. It does not make an entirely successful film. To produce it was a task at which the most experienced director might tremble, and the result makes us wonder whether the director rushed in unaware of the chaos he might create out of such material, or whether he was alternately swayed by his artistic conscience and the demands of the box office. Even the mysticism of Maelstrom would prove more malleable to film convention, than the delicate fabric of Barrie's imagination, yet we have not heard of a screen interpretation of "The Blue Bird."

"A Kiss for Cinderella" is a curious unequal. Some of it is tedious some even vulgar, and yet there are gleams which lighten the whole and arouse the hope that some day the screen may realise its unique opportunity for dealing with the purest of fantasies.

"Twenty per cent. Sugar" is part of Hollywood's recipe for any film. "A Kiss for Cinderella" has about three times that amount, but Barrie does incline to the sugary so perhaps that is excusable. It is not until Cinderella arrives at the dream ball that this film can claim any originality. The sky palace as one first sees it has a hint of "Kubla Kahn," but the interior warms uncertainly between the settings for scenes of "luxury and vice" of which Hollywood is so fond, and the genuine "stuff that dreams are made of." Cinderella, as Barrie draws and Betty Bronson acts her, might very well have seated her king and queen on rocking thrones, but the strap hanging device and the slight nuance of drunkenness that shrouds their royalty are figments of a very different mind. And so it is all through. How true to dreams are the street lamps which light the hall and their bows as Cinderella makes her trim, neat entry and how utterly false the argument of part "principal girl" shoeblack.

Again as twelve o'clock strikes, when through Cinderella's eyes you see the palace fading the glowing, and Cinderella is herself drifting helplessly among the crowd, borne away by a force beyond her control—then there is an exact representation of the awakening from a dream.

"A Kiss for Cinderella" is a most interesting film both in its means and its failure, but it is to be regretted that the first part was too drawn out. But despite this we recommend it to you.

Betty Bronson acts remarkably. She gives exactly the picture of a child with half starved body and over-excited brain. What Barrie tenderly suggests, so that his Cinderella is as unreal as Margaret the dream child of "Dear Brutus." Miss Bronson expresses in all its pitiful tragedy, so poignant is she that the solid humanity of Tom Moore as the Policeman is a very welcome relief.

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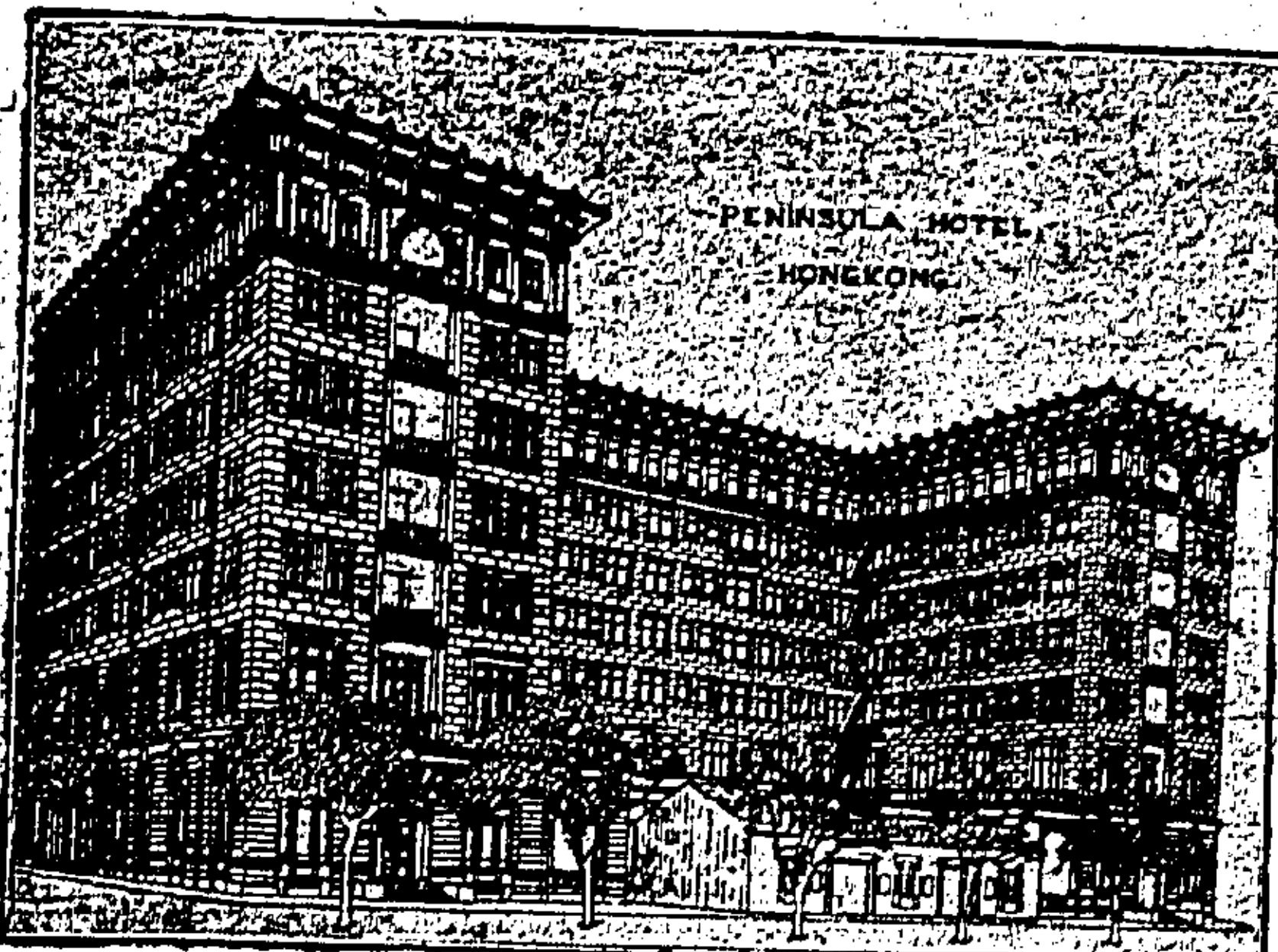
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CRICKET NOTES.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEASON.

The nets will go up on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on September 25th, and the first game of the season will take place on October 1st. It is perhaps a little later than usual, but the Interport itself is a week later than it has been for some years past. No doubt also the Hong Doubles may have held things up a bit. After all it may be rather a blessing in disguise as it is doubtful if it does any one any good sweating in the heat of the September sun, in a light which one never experiences in November. And, while on the subject, I would commend this question of light to budding Interport players. It is a fairly safe bet that either against Malaya or Shanghai, and probably against both, we shall have to bat in the morning. And the light on the Club ground is very different then, and handicaps considerably the man who is used to batting in the afternoon only. Whole day matches help but there are not enough to them. If possible therefore nets from 12 to 2—if the Club can erect them would be very useful. One can usually scramble a knock once a week, I think they did last year, if my memory serves me, though it was found impracticable to arrange early morning nets owing to the question of staff. I have heard it suggested that the question of wickets prevents this but I don't see how this comes in, assuming that the amount of practice is constant. It merely spreads the wear and tear over a longer period.

No doubt most of our leading lights are getting down to some training. I saw T. E. Pearce digging in his garden the other morning but whether he was trenching for asparagus or looking for new bowlers I did not enquire. (No, I was not on my way home). By the way, some mug spun me the yarn the other day that Pearce did not intend turning out this year. This, I can state on the very best authority, is entirely untrue. In the event of his being good enough to get into the side (the remark is his), he will undoubtedly play. My readers will be interested to learn that it is Pearce's 25th season of Interport Cricket. I ought in fairness to hasten to add he came out at an extremely early age! (See photographs in the pavilion).

Interport Practice.

I understand that the usual invitation to likely Interporters to make use of the Hong Kong Club-house and ground will be issued shortly. Most of the October matches and those in November will be Interport Trials and we should get some very good practice from the Services. So far, the only new bowler of whom I have heard is Ned, of the Chartered Bank. He is said to have played Interport Cricket in Japan, Kobe I think, and to be a left-hander. I can't vouch for this as I have not seen him in action yet.

Arrangements For November.

I am taking it for granted for the purposes of these notes that we are going to get two visiting teams here about 21st November, but I will just note here that it is not an absolute snip. My readers must also forgive me if I refer to them casually to Malaya and Singapore. I don't know yet which side is coming. I learn, however, that if and when the visit does materialize arrangements will be made for each of the visiting teams to play the United Services here, if it is in any way practicable. They should be uncommonly fine games too, if half what I hear about our new force is true.

The League Clubs Here.

The K.C.C. having won the League last year do not mean to rest on their laurels, but are hoping to increase them. I see no reason why they should not win again this year. They have started practice already and besides having all their old players available, Teddy Fincher will be playing for them. I hope he will use his fraternal influence to get E.F. his younger brother to straighten his bat and bowl a bit slower-length before pace. When Ernie played for Craighower many good judges thought he might go far, but he was rather falling away into those bad tricks at the end of last season. I shall be interested to see how the smaller ball will suit Goodwin; personally, I found he could usually get me out with the old size pretty easily. But that's not saying much! I was very glad to hear that, although a good many officers of the Sha Force here have become military members of the K.C.C., it is not proposed to play them in League Matches. This I think is fair, and fortunately Kowloon's habit of mid-week matches will give them plenty of games. This does not, of course, include last year's players like Morris and Bevis.

The C.S.C.C.

So far as I know there is no new blood coming along for the Civil Service, except perhaps B. C. K. Hawkins. The side grows no younger but it is still fairly hard to beat. The loss of Fincher will be a big blow to their batting, which

is distinctly their weak point. One wishes them luck with their wicket. The dog-fight between the nullah and the P.W.D. means moving it over a bit. They start their nets to-day, I understand.

Craighower.

I am told that the Craighower side will be substantially the same as last year. They are a youngish side and may be expected to improve, and several of them field excellently.

By the Way.

I have no information about other Clubs at present, but there is one matter to which "Wanderer" made reference last Wednesday. It is primarily, of course, a Soccer question but all teams playing at the Valley are affected. I hope pretty strict police supervision will be given to the spectators at football matches in which Chinese teams take part. For some reason or other Soccer seems to arouse almost as many evil passions as a bargain sale at a lingerie shop. There are a small minority of spectators who get thoroughly out of hand and if a sharp look-out is not kept there is going to be a young riot. It nearly happened twice last year to my personal knowledge and I have nothing but praise for the way in which the Chinese officials of the Clubs engaged leaped into the work of calming these few ruffians who were spoiling the game for thousands of their perfectly mannerly and well-behaved compatriots. But, sooner or later, there may be a row and that is the last thing one wants. I have great hopes that the new permanent stands contemplated by the Football Club will improve matters on their ground at all events.

R. ABBIT.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL v. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

On Wednesday the Diocesan Boys' School entertained a team from Queen's College and defeated them by an innings and 79 runs. The team, going in first, compiled 216 runs for 5 wickets and declared. A. T. Lee (89) and Donald Anderson (86 not out) being the chief scorers. The visitors who mustered only ten, made 51 in their first innings, and 96 in their second. Tsui Wai Pui and H. G. Kew each contributing 31. For the D.B.S. A. T. Lee took 4 wickets for 9 runs in the first innings and 5 for 40 in the second. For Q.C., J. Hunt took 3 wickets for 27 runs.

Diocesan Boys' School.

1st Innings.
D. J. N. Anderson, not out... 86
W. H. Kwan, run out... 0
A. T. Lee, c Kew, b J. Hunt... 96
G. A. Lee, c Tsui, b J. Hunt... 0
J. A. Fisher, b J. Hunt... 0
Leung Cheuk Kaa, c Sub., b Abbas... 16
Extras... 10

Total (for 5 wks, dec.) 216

F. K. Lee, R. Lee, A. S. A. Kyum, A. Normanbony, and A. Prata did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. K. Esmail	8	0	48	0
Tsui Wai Pui	9	1	80	0
A. H. Esmail	3	0	10	0
J. Hunt	5	1	27	3
T. O. Edwards	2	0	10	0
M. R. Abbas	2.4	0	22	1

Queen's College.

1st Innings.
A. Hunt, c Anderson, b Kwan... 11
M. R. Abbas, b A. Lee... 0
A. K. Esmail, b Kwan... 0
Tsui Wai Pui, c Leung, b Anderson... 13
T. O. Edwards, c Kyum, b Kwan... 0
H. G. Kew, b A. Lee... 0
J. Hunt, b A. Lee... 0
A. H. Esmail, c Normanbony, b A. Lee... 4
A. Kitcheil, c A. Lee, b Anderson... 5
D. Hunt, not out... 9
Extras... 12

Total... 51

Bowling Analysis.
A. T. Lee... 8 1 9 4
W. H. Kwan... 5 0 28 3
D. J. N. Anderson... 0.5 0 1 2

Queen's College.

2nd Innings.
Tsui Wai Pui, c Prata, b Kwan... 31
A. Hunt, b Anderson... 0
T. O. Edwards, b A. Lee... 0
A. K. Esmail, c and b A. Lee... 0
H. G. Kew, c Fisher, b A. Lee... 31
M. R. Abbas, b A. Lee... 0
A. H. Esmail, c G. Lee, b Kwan... 0
J. Hunt, not out... 0
A. Kitcheil, c Fisher, b A. Lee... 2
D. Hunt, c Fisher, b Anderson... 2
Extras... 4

Total... 60

Bowling Analysis.
A. T. Lee... 8 1 9 4
D. J. N. Anderson... 3.4 1 19 2
J. A. Fisher... 2 0 12 0
W. H. Kwan... 2 0 10 2

CRICKET IN ENGLAND.

THE SEASON ENDS.

LEADING AVERAGES AND ANALYSES.

Characteristically for 1927 the last match, a four days' encounter at the Oval between Lancashire, the Champion County, and the Rest of England, was spoilt by rain and had to be abandoned unfinished. Hallows who is really the champion batsman of the year (D. R. Jardine, who has only 12 innings to his credit nominally heads the list) made a century.

The short averages list is of considerable interest. That very great veteran Phil Mead is third among the batsmen, with the astonishing figure of 74.53 for 41 innings. Hammond is fifth. A. P. F. Chapman, cth, and Hobbs thirteenth. It is a mixture of old and young and that cricket is not in such a desperately bad way as some persons would have us imagine. Considering the wetness of the season the figures are unusually good.

Two players (one of them Howell the Warwickshire fast bowler) who have hardly borne the "burden and heat" head the bowling list, but the bowler of the year is undoubtedly young Larwood of Notts. Root comes second, a remarkable feat, for no one, not even Newman and Kennedy, are so "overpowered" as Frank Root. He practically is the Worcester attack. Rhodes, generally near the top, is no longer in the front page, nor does MacDonald, the Australian figure. No one appears in both lists and there are fewer real all rounders than of yore, though perhaps this is a rash statement when the deeds of Jupp, J. W. Hearne, N. Haig, Tate and R. Kilner are recalled. Most players decidedly specialise, even though they can like G. T. S. Stevens, J. W. Hearne, and J. C. White be pretty useful with both bat and ball.

Batting.

	Ins.	Out.	Aver.
D. R. Jardine	12	2	92.00
Hallows	44	13	75.53
Mead	41	9	74.53
Hendren	43	9	73.26
Hammond	47	4	68.04
A. P. F. Chapman	23	2	66.04
Sandham	46	6	57.57
Holmes	47	9	57.21
Hearne	38	3	56.97
Sutcliffe	49	6	56.13
Shepherd	45	6	55.00
Bowley	41	3	54.26
Hobbs	52	1	52.93

Bowling.

	Wkts.	Aver.
T. Durbell	14	12.75
Howell	30	16.83
Larwood	100	36.23
Root	145	17.91
Macaulay	129	18.26
Ferguson	191	13.38
J. C. White	113	18.55
Lee	72	18.20
Townsend	70	19.28
Geary	82	19.45
Mercer	100	19.61

LANCASHIRE v. THE REST.

LONDON, Sept. 14th.

The match between the Champion County (Lancashire) and the Rest of England, a four days' encounter at the Oval, ended in a draw, rain spoiling that game. Hallows made 100 for his county, a fine finish to a great season, by this player.

Scores:—
Lancashire: 290.
The Rest: 162 for two wickets.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, September 14th.

Matches played in the English League to-day resulted as follows:

Division I.

Everton 2, Bolton 2.
Newcastle 4, Derby 3.

Division II.

Reading 2, Grimsby 2.
Division III. (Southern).

Brighton 1, Newport 4.
Bristol R.L., Brentford 3.

Division III. (Northern).

Wrexham 3, Hartlepool 2.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WASEDA BEAT HONG KONG.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

The Waseda University Rugby football team, who are returning to Japan after a successful tour in New South Wales, played an exhibition match here yesterday evening on the Hong Kong Football Club ground against the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club and won by 21 points to 6. Play was even in the first half, but the Japanese asserted their superiority in the second half and brought the ball home no less than four times against once by the local side. The Club was also handicapped by the absence of Bowker who retired in the second half owing to an injury.

The Waseda University was the goal and chose the Morrison Hill goal, the Club playing against the sun. The sides were well matched in the opening stages, but eight minutes after the start the Japanese were clever passing, Maruyama putting the finishing touch to the movement. Seven converted without difficulty. Seven minutes later the Club retaliated and scored far out, Wales failing with a difficult kick. Mid-field play to end and neither side could break through. Half time arrived with Waseda leading by 5 points to 3.

Shortly after resuming the Japanese crossed their opponents' line, but Honryo failed to convert. Lambert made a determined effort, but was brought down. The Japanese worked to within five yards of the Club's try line after a series of scrums, but the Club cleared. Then Waseda made a capital try Honryo converting (13-3). Three minutes later the Japanese were again successful. Lambert then made a tricky run and succeeded in scoring but again the try was not improved upon the score at this stage being 18-6. After a spell of even play in which the Club had the advantage the Japanese broke away in spectacular fashion the three quarters sweeping down the field. Honryo converted (21-6). Light was falling and mid field play followed till the end.

The Japanese were certainly the better combination, but taking into consideration the fact that the game is out of season locally, the Club, whose members who have had no practice this year, put up a very plucky performance against a side in admirable condition. The

(Continued on next column.)

OPENING TO-NIGHT.

FORBES RUSSELL COMEDY COMPANY.

The Forbes Russell Comedy Company, who are opening at the Theatre Royal to-night, arrived in the Colony yesterday from Singapore on the P. & O. s.s. *Malwa*. Their tour, through India, Ceylon and the Straits, has proved most successful, and it is expected that the reception in Hong Kong will be equally good as a most attractive repertoire has been provided.

The opening play will be "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne", which had a long run at St. James Theatre, London, and was, it will be remembered, produced here by the Amateur Dramatic Club last season.

The programme for the remainder of the week and next week is as under:—

To-morrow: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," the successful comedy from the French of Alfred Savoir, by Arthur Wimperis.

Monday: "The House of Unrest," a great mystery play, from the Strand Theatre, London.

Tuesday: "Half-a-Loaf," the successful farcical comedy, by Noel Scott.

Wednesday: "Nothing But the Truth," the famous farce.

Thursday: "In the Next Room," a thrilling mystery play by Eleanor Robson and Harriet Ford, from the St. Martin's Theatre, London.

Friday: "Peg O' My Heart," in which Miss April Vivian appears as "Peg."

Saturday next: "Fallen Angels," Noel Coward's well known play.

local team, after showed better better combination and made their opponents work hard for their points. The Waseda men fielded the ball far more surely and their speed made the local men appear slow. Their backs worked well together and the forwards generally seemed to get the ball in the scrums. At tackling honours must be divided, and clean play was the feature of the match. Bowker was unfortunately laid out by a fall shortly after resumption of play in the second half.

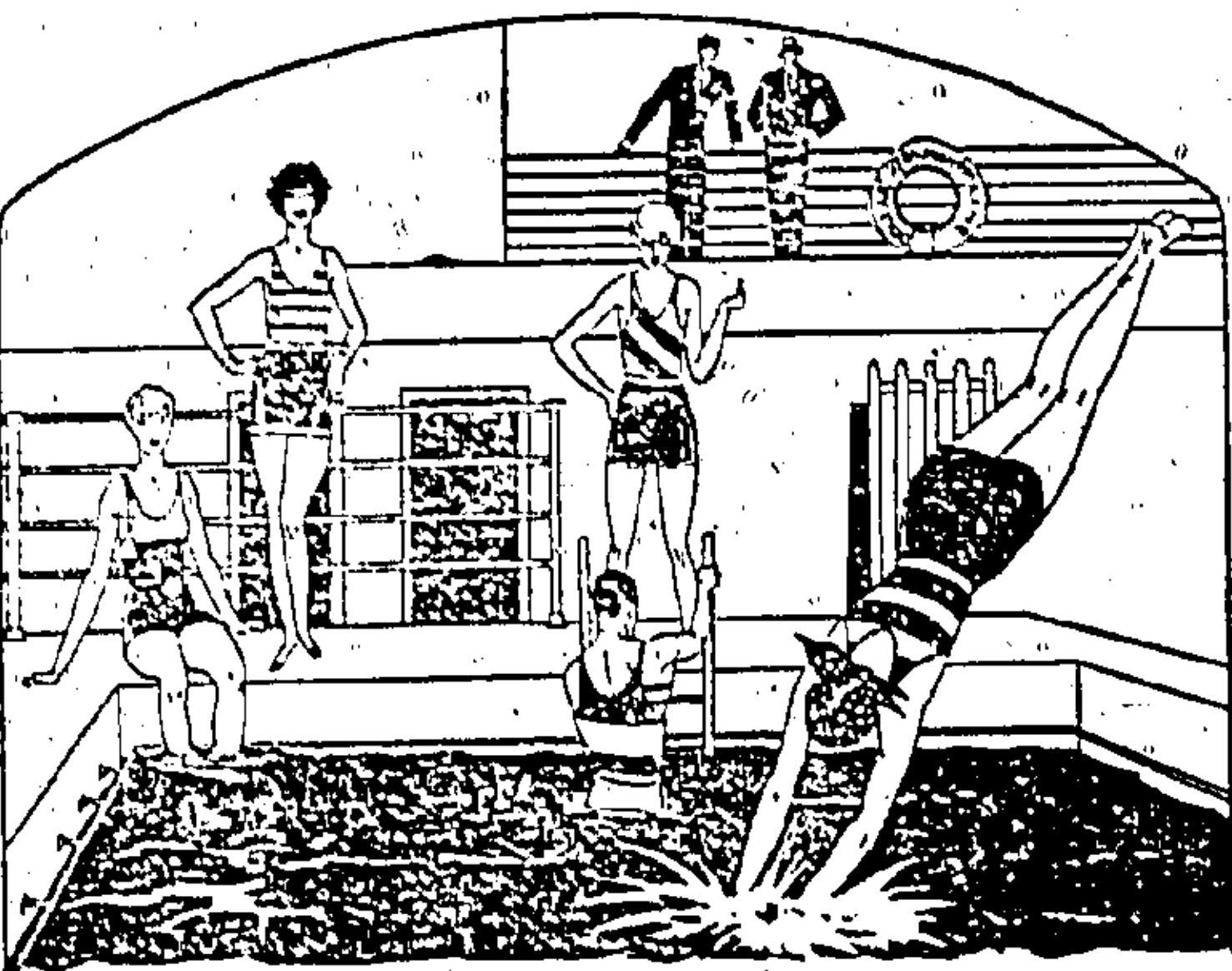
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Pres. Cleveland ... Sept. 19th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Pierce ... Oct. 3rd, 6 p.m.
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MARINE COURT.

TWENTY-SEVEN OFFENDERS CHARGED.

THE RIGHTS OF BOARDING VESSELS?

The Marine Court was filled to its limit yesterday when no fewer than twenty-seven persons were charged with boarding a vessel without permission.

Some of the defendants were money-changers, all of whom were (defended) by Mr. M. K. Lo, and others were licensed hawkers, not legally represented. The money-changers were discharged, but the licensed hawkers were each fined \$10, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour.

These men were alleged to have boarded the s.s. *Takliwa* without permission from the ship's officers. Mr. Lo who defended the ten money-changers said that they had the rights to board vessels in pursuance of their trade. Between them they had over \$80,000 and a license was produced to show that these men had the right to board vessels to carry out their business.

Sub-Inspector Brown, prosecuting, said that the agent of the Shipping Co. was present and did not wish to press the charge. Mr. Lo, however, was not satisfied with this concession saying that the Police officers had taken a step too far.

Continuing, Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer, in evidence to show that his clients had boarded the vessel without permission. The police evidence was only hearsay from the Chief Officer. He asked "If your Worship were to board an 'Empress' boat to meet a friend, could you be charged with boarding without permission?"

The ship at the time of the alleged offence had been berthed for some six hours and was in a state to do shore business, all navigational duties having ceased and therefore it was quite in order for shore people to board.

His Worship:—Subject to the decision of the master! Mr. Lo:—Of course, but permission is implied once the ship is berthed. I therefore put it to your Worship that the prosecution has been misconceived.

His Worship:—The terms of the license do not mean very much, but under the circumstances the case will be dismissed.

THE HAWKERS.

Fifteen hawkers were then arraigned for a similar offence. They admitted boarding the *Takliwa* but said that they did not know that it was unlawful to board a vessel.

His Worship after reference to the charge sheet said that whether the hawkers were licensed or not, made no difference, they being on board without permission. He would let them off leniently, by inflicting a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment in each case.

Among this batch were two small boys. They were let off with a A TOO ENERGETIC RUNNER.

A Chinese hotel runner who was too eager to get business, and could not even wait until the steamer stopped, was fined \$20 for boarding the s.s. *Haimun* without permission. His method of going on board was by climbing up a bamboo pole hooked against the railing of the ship.

JUNK OFFENDERS.

A trading junk master was fined \$15 for navigating the harbour without exhibiting the regulation lights.

The mistress of a cargo boat was fined \$10 for lying ashore.

ONCE ONLY.

INGENUOUS DEFENCE REPEATED—AND FAILS.

The illiterate class of Chinese are very cunning and give expression, like the frog to a great deal of unconscious humour.

A good instance was heard at the Central Magistrate yesterday when a hawker was charged with causing an obstruction by placing two baskets in the footpath at Wan-chai.

POLO AT MEADOW-BROOK.

ANOTHER WIN FOR AMERICA.

BRITISH TEAM'S PLUCKY EFFORT.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEADOWBROOK, Sept. 14th. In the international polo contest, the function was favoured with fine weather. There was a huge attendance. The turf was in perfect condition. America beat Britain by 8 goals to 5, America thus retaining the Westchester Cup.

Play Described.

Webb got the ball in the first chukka at the outset, and made a brilliant dash to goal, until a foul by Atkinson was called and a foul by Hitchcock to score easily.

On lining up, Milburn hit a sharp-angled drive to goal, and after a brief scrimmage Hitchcock scored. George was playing well, and was several times near the American goal, but was brilliantly ridden off by Milburn.

Roark and Dening in a combined dash almost scored, the ball rolling out a few feet from the posts.

Hitchcock dominated the game, and scored his third goal just before the finish of the first chukka.

Early in the second, the British players, following a fine drive by Roark, were leading. The ball was at the goal-mouth when Milburn with a back-hand swing saved.

Webb and Roark had several tussles in midfield, until Dening with a fine sideline dash, dribbling nearly the whole length of the field, missed the goal by inches.

After a hard-fought battle with Atkinson, Webb scored.

In the third chukka, the Americans were forced to fight harder, and for the first time the game seemed more even, but the British team, while playing better, lost good opportunities through faulty driving.

The fourth chukka opened with a foul by America, Roark scoring with a brilliant penalty drive. Then, after splendid midfield passing, Atkinson scored a goal.

Hitchcock in Form.

America soon retaliated, Hitchcock making the score 5 to 2, with a beautiful soaring drive from a penalty shot.

The British were soon on the defensive, and Hitchcock scored America's sixth goal from a perfectly executed angle-shot at short range.

In the sixth chukka Roark secured and dribbled to the goal-mouth, Milburn saving, but the ball came to rest a few feet from the post. George easily pushing it through.

The game now became hotly contested, the spectators roaring their approval. Missed shots, however, became more frequent as the players showed signs of tiring.

The British teamwork was a vast improvement on Saturday's display, while they were hitting a few longer balls.

Presently Dening, cleverly extricated the ball from a scrimmage at the goal-mouth, and scored. Stevenson received a nasty kick on the right knee, and the game was stopped, but resumed in a few minutes.

Webb, profiting from a mix-up in front of goal, made the score 7 to 4. Milburn later scored an acute angle-shot.

The British players struggled valiantly, George scoring a goal just before the bell rang.

CHANDU IN SUIT CASES.

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Force... 2	0	2
Weather... C	C	C
Rain... 1.34	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature, 14th: 85
Lowest open-air temperature, 15th: 75

R=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From September 16th to 22nd, 1927.

Day of Week	Date	High Water Time	Low Water Time	Height
Fri.	15	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		0' 2	6 3	6 29
Sat.	17	0 14	5 7	6 26
		0 43	6 5	7 43
Sun.	18	2 40	5 0	6 57
		1 34	6 5	9 15
		4 41	4 6	7 29
Mon.	19	2 49	6 4	6 11
		3 49	6 4	6 11
Tues.	20	4 14	6 6	0 15
		6 6	4 9	10 23
Wed.	21	5 38	6 6	1 8
		8 30	5 0	
Thurs.	22	6 44	6 8	0 7
		8 51	5 2	1 49

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STEAMER FOR STRAITS, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, BOMBAY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS & LONDON.

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THE Steamship.

"KIDDERPORE"

Carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on or about TUESDAY, the 20th SEPTEMBER, 1927, at Noon, taking Cargo for the above Ports.

Suez, Valparaiso and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 p.m. the Day before Sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

For further Particulars Apply to: MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th Sept. 1927. [3321]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "MALWA".

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 1927.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBBALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEEN, COLOMBO & ATRAI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd September, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 21st September, 1927, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 1st October, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
Hong Kong, 15th Sept. 1927. [3328]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

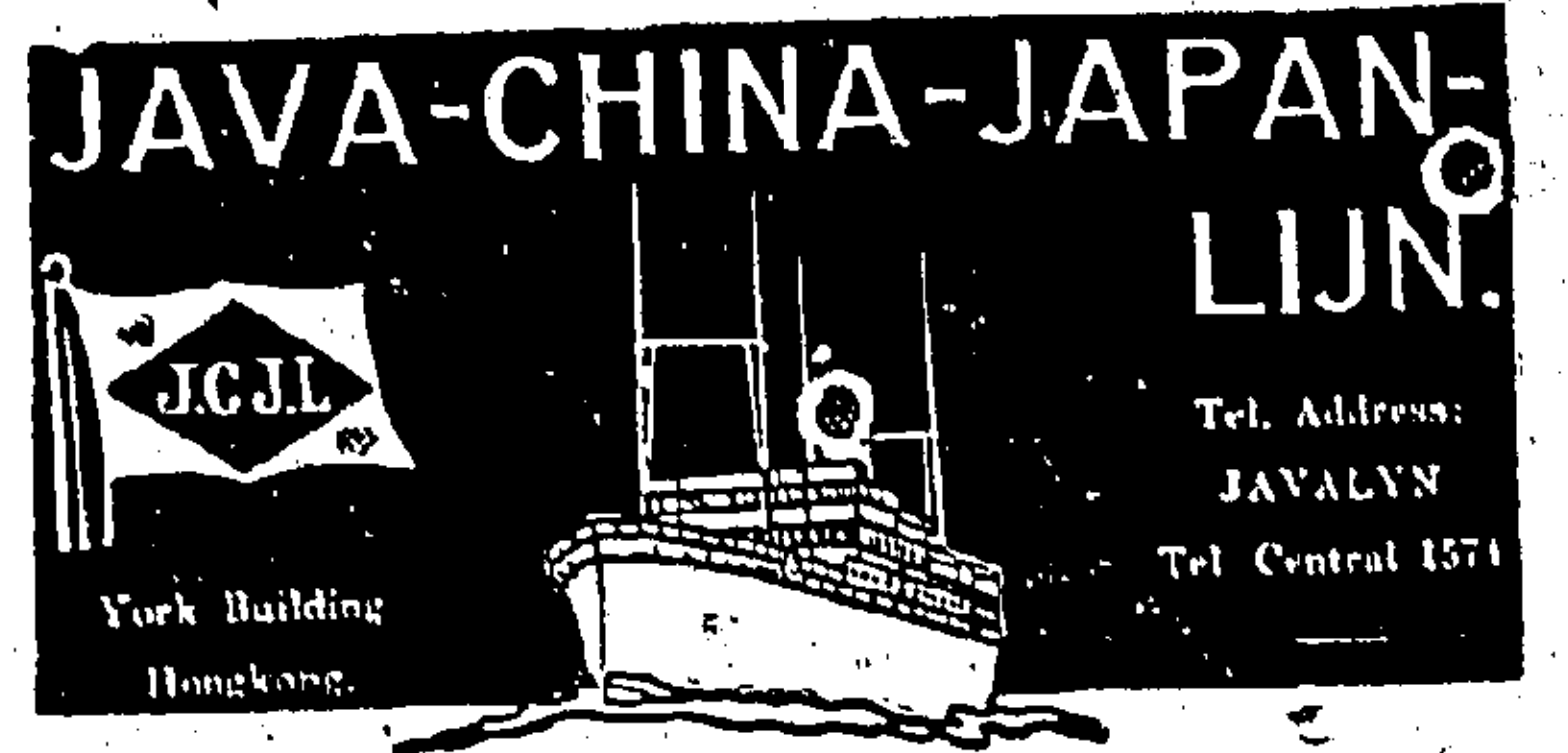
S.S. "ANGERS"
BRINGING CARGO FROM MARSEILLES, etc.
Also CARGO FROM BORDEAUX, LA PALICE, Ex S.S. "VENUS" AND CARGO FROM COGNAC, Ex S.S. "FELIXO".

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All Claims must be sent in to us on or before Thursday, the 22nd September, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 18th September, 1927. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept. 1927. [3319]



REGULAR PORTFOLIO SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED OF OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
BARON INCHCAPE	JAVA BATAVIA	16th Sept.	20th Sept.	SHANGHAI, K'UNING
TJISAROEBA	JAVA BATAVIA	17th "	18th "	"
BARON JEDBURGH	JAVA BATAVIA	18th "	22nd "	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	S'HAU, K'UNING	20th "	25th "	"
GORJISTAN	JAVA BATAVIA	21st "	26th "	AMOI & N. CHINA
TJIKINI	JAVA BATAVIA	22nd "	27th "	BATAVIA
TJITAROM	N. C. & AMOI	23rd "	28th "	"
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	24th "	29th "	SHANGHAI, K'UNING
TJISAROEBA	S'HAU, K'UNING	25th "	30th "	"
TJISALAK	JAVA BATAVIA	26th "	31st "	AMOI & N. CHINA
TJIBODAS	N. C. & AMOI	27th "	1st "	BATAVIA

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THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

The M.S. "ASIA"

will be loading for AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN and other SCANDINAVIAN PORTS On or about 3rd October.

Further Sailings	Expected on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Afrika"	20th October	
M.S. "Malaya"	5th November	
M.S. "Danmark"	1st December	

Subject to change without notice. For further particulars, please apply to:—

JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD. Agents.

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "EMIL KIRDOFF" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
Hong Kong, 15th Sept. 1927. [3328]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

BANGKOK	SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWANGTUNG"	... On 16th Sept., Noon
AMOI & BANGKOK	"KANKING"	... On 18th Sept., 6 a.m.	
HONGKONG	"KIANGSU"	... On 18th Sept., Noon	
AMOI, SWATOW & BANGKOK	"HANYANG"	... On 19th Sept., 10 a.m.	
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KINGYUAN"	... On 19th Sept., 5 p.m.	
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	... On 20th Sept., 6 a.m.	
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	... On 22nd Sept., Noon	
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & NEWCHANG	"SUNNING"	... On 24th Sept., 6 a.m.	
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	... On 25th Sept., Noon	
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"SOOCHOW"	... On 27th Sept., 6 a.m.	
WEIHAWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"TEAN"	... On 29th Sept., Noon	
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KUEICHOW"	... On 29th Sept., 4 p.m.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"ANHUI"	... On 2nd Oct., 6 a.m.	
SALON PASSAGE BATES, HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI and vice versa.	"KALGAN"	... On 2nd Oct., Noon	

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STEAMERS	Days Hong Kong on or about	SAILING HONG KONG ON OR ABOUT
CHANGTE	11th October	18th October
TAIPING	8th November	15th November
CHANGTE	9th December	16th December
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Sailings from Hongkong.	Via Suez Canal	23th September
s.s. "CITY OF LINCOLN"	23th September	
s.s. "CITY OF EASTBOURNE"	23th September	
s.s. "CITY OF WELLINGTON"	23th September	

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M.Y. "JAPANESE PRINCE"	17th September, 1927
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Steamers	Sailings from Marseilles	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan.	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
ATHOS II	—	—	27th Sept.
ANGERS	—	—	11th Oct.
DARTAGNAN	26th Aug.	27th Sept.	25th Oct.
VAL-MIRIEUX	23rd Sept.	24th Oct.	18th Nov.
SPHINX	30th Sept.	1st Nov.	25th Nov.
PORTHOIS	7th Oct.	8th Nov.	6th Dec.

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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

September 14th.
Dorrig, German str., 578 tons.
Capt. J. H. Jacobson, from
Touane and Hoibow, with a
general cargo, lying at buoy
No. C36—Chau Yue Teng.

Daz, Norwegian str., 787 tons.
Capt. P. Ellertsen, from Hai-
phong and Canton, lying at
Yamutai—Thoresen & Co.
Haimun, Chinese str., 641 tons.
Capt. H. Carneiro, from New
Hebrides and Macao, lying at
buoy No. C39—Foo Yow S.S.
Co.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons.
Capt. Lam Shing from Aunau,
with a general cargo, lying at
Luon Chong Wharf—Fook Hoi
S.S. Co.

September 15th.
Aki Maru, Japanese str., 3,671 tons.
Capt. Y. Tomioka, from Mel-
bourne and Manila. The latter
port she left on September 13th,
with a general cargo, lying at
Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.
Ankoku, British str., 2,047 tons.
Capt. A. J. Scott, from Singa-
pore and Amoy, with 700 tons
of firewood, lying at buoy No.
B11—B. & S.

Emil Kirdorf, German str., 3,438
tons, Capt. W. Zobel, from
Singapore, which port she left
on September 9th, with a gen-
eral cargo, lying at Kowloon
Wharf—Jensen & Co.

Halldor, Norwegian str., 840 tons.
Capt. J. Hansen, from Bangkok
Rohschang, with rice and gen-
eral cargo, lying at buoy No.
C38—Thoresen & Co.

Kaiyu Maru, Japanese str., 1,198
tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from
Swatow, with 800 tons of coal
and general cargo, lying at
O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Liangchow, British str., 1,290 tons.
Capt. W. J. Larner, from Shang-
hai, which port she left on Sept.
11th, with a general cargo, ly-
ing at buoy No. C40—B. & S.

Lusina Maru, Japanese str., 1,507
tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from
Canton, with a general cargo,
lying at buoy No. C41—N.Y.K.
Malun, British str., 3,035 tons.
Capt. E. Bent, from London,
which port she left on August
12th, with a general cargo, lying
at Kowloon Wharf—Mackin-
non, Mackenzie & Co.

Maud, Norwegian str., 1,531 tons.
Capt. L. H. Stranger, from
Keeleung, which port she left on
September 12th, with 3,157 tons
of coal, lying at buoy No. C42—
Hick & Co.

Pontung, British str., 1,001 tons.
Capt. J. Pottendrig, from Singa-
pore, which port she left on
September 8th, with a general
cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—
Foo Nam Navigation Co.

Sumatra Maru, Japanese str., 4,272
tons, Capt. M. Kametaka, from
Bombay and Singapore. The
latter port she left on Sept. 9th,
with a general cargo, lying at
buoy No. A3—O.S.K.

September 15th.
Aki Maru, for Nagasaki.
Dunavon, for Nagasaki.
Laruen, for Hoibow.
Emil Kirdorf, for Shanghai.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kubinga, for Singapore.
Lai Sang, for Amoy.
Malica, for Shanghai.
Prosper, for Saigon.
Sumatra Maru, for Moji.
Tuklira, for Amoy.
Tsun On, for Hongkong.

The N.D.L. s.s. "Nuernberg" from
Europe, left Singapore on Septem-
ber 14th, and is expected to arrive
here on September 20th. She will
call for Shanghai and Japan on
September 21st.

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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Sept.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Oct.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

HAKODATE MARU ... Tuesday, 17th Sept.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

FAIR LOCAL IMPORTS.

THROUGH CARGOES NORMAL.

The freight returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that local imports were fair and that through cargoes were up to average.

There were 10,427 tons of general merchandise imported into the Colony. These were brought by ten vessels out of the thirteen arrivals. Two British steamers had 1,104 tons. The best returns were shown by the s.s. *Kochan Maru*, and the s.s. *Hakoda*. The former brought 3,271 tons from Miki and the latter vessel 2,092 tons from Bangkok.

Through cargoes amounted to 19,749 tons, with 9,541 tons on two British ships. The s.s. *Kabanga*, from Hankow was the heaviest carrier with 8,660 tons. The Japanese vessel *Sumatra Maru* from Singapore came second with 4,708 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	6
Japanese	3	2
Norwegian	3	1
Chinese	1	3
Dutch	1	3
German	1	3
American	1	2
	13	17

PORTUGUESE TRANSPORTS.

The Portuguese Navy Transport, *Pera de Alanguer*, arrived at Singapore last week from Mozambique with native troops for Macao. The contingent consisted of twenty-nine officers, sixty-eight N.C.O.'s and 501 men.

Another Portuguese transport, the *Republica*, also arrived last week.

LINER'S QUICK OVERHAUL.

The Cunard liner *Mauretania* left the floating dock at Southampton after a 24-hours overhaul on which a thousand men were engaged.

The time taken for the work was a record. In 17 hours the underwater part of the *Mauretania* of hull had been scraped and painted.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
Sept. 18th	5.10 a.m.	6.27 p.m.
" 17th	5.11 "	6.25 "
" 16th	5.11 "	6.24 "
" 15th	5.11 "	6.24 "
" 14th	5.11 "	6.23 "
" 13th	5.11 "	6.23 "
" 12th	5.11 "	6.21 "
" 11th	5.12 "	6.20 "
" 10th	5.12 "	6.19 "
" 9th	5.12 "	6.17 "
" 8th	5.13 "	6.17 "
" 7th	5.13 "	6.16 "
" 6th	5.14 "	6.15 "
" 5th	5.14 "	6.14 "
" 4th	5.14 "	6.13 "

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

BANGKOK AND THE C.N.C. STRIKE.

THE HOME MAIL.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Arms On Board The "Malwa."

The s.s. *Malwa* arriving here yesterday from London and Singapore had one shot gun, one case cartridges and ninety-one chests of machine guns for Hong Kong. She also carried 1 case guns and 10 cases cartridges for Shanghai.

Oxygen Gas.

Thirty-one cylinders of oxygen gas were imported into the Colony yesterday. These were brought by the s.s. *Liungchow* from Shanghai.

Infectious Disease And Death.

Two deaths occurred on board the s.s. *Liungchow* during her voyage from Singapore to Amoy. One of the storage passengers died of consumption and the other from a stroke of apoplexy.

On the s.s. *Malwa* there were a case of T.B. and one of varicella; both patients have been removed.

"Aquitalia's" Catholic Chapel.

Passengers in the Cunard liner *Aquitalia* will in future attend Mass before a beautiful altar, enriched by trimmings of blue velvet and gold embroidery. It is the gift of Mr. Leslie Green, a head waiter in the saloon, and includes a complete Catholic chapel equipment—altar cloths, hangings, vases, wine and water receptacles, and vestments.

Portuguese Transport at Singapore.

The Portuguese naval transport, *Pera de Alanguer*, arrived in Singapore last Thursday from Mozambique with native troops for Macao. She has a contingent consisting of twenty-nine officers, sixty-eight N.C.O.'s, and 501 men.

Optimism in the "Kum Sang."

Whilst carrying out a search on the steamer *Kum Sang*, a party of Preventive Officers at Singapore under Mr. Listerman and Mr. Sedik discovered a quantity of opium in the bunkers. Mr. Gilmore, head of the Preventive Service, arrived on the scene shortly afterwards and superintended the removal of the contraband which amounted to 7,500 taels.

Home Mails.

Two Home mails arrived yesterday. The *Malwa* arrived in the morning with mail from Home and Europe via Suez, landing here 315 bags of letters and papers, of which number 103 bags were from the United Kingdom, dated August 18th. Altogether there were 144 bags for Hong Kong, the remainder being for transshipment to coast ports, etc. There were also a number of bags of parcels. The *Liungchow* arrived from the North bringing 147 bags of mail, of which 23 bags were from the United Kingdom via Siberia. The *Aki Maru* arrived in the afternoon with Australian and Manila mail, number-ing 46 bags.

"Lungshan" Appointment.
Mr. J. Hansen has been appointed second-officer of the s.s. *Lungshan*.

The Yangtze Naval Command.

Rear-Admiral Hugh "Justin" Tweedie, C.N., is expected to arrive in Shanghai on board the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* on October 15th. Admiral Tweedie is replacing Rear-Admiral John Ewen Cameron, C.B., M.V.O., Senior-Naval Officer on the Yangtze.

C.N.C. Strike Effect.

The effect of the C.N.C. strike on British shipping to Bangkok is seen in the following figures for the past three months:—

	British	Norwegian
June	24,470	35,568
July	12,278	36,109
August	15,631	33,630

Chinese Deck Passengers.

The total number of Chinese deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 2,568. These were brought by five vessels.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Kobe on September 14th at 7 p.m. and left on September 15th at noon. She is due at Shanghai on September 17th at 4 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. *Taima* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta about 2.30 p.m. on Monday, September 18th.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port yesterday were:—South Wall Basin, *Scrapia* and *Seraph*; East Wall Basin, *Turand* and *Onslaught*; S/Ms. *L15* and *L19*; North Arm, *Keppel*; West Wall Dock, *Durban*; In Dock, *Sirdar* and *Robin*; Taikoo Dock, *Peterel* and *Tern*; Kowloon Dock, *Magnolia*; No. 4 Buoy, *Calliope*; No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 25 Buoy, *Arkhar*.

Foreign Men of War:—French, *Argus*; U.S.S. *Athetille*, *Pampana* and *Helena*.

FOUR YEAR-OLD AIR PASSENGER.

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Probably, the youngest single passenger on record, a four-year-old boy, was recently booked by the Swedish Aerotransport Company. This proof of the confidence of the public in the safety of air transport is borne out by the fact that the Aerotransport Company has just celebrated the completion of 1,000,000 kilometers flown by its traffic planes since 1924 without a single passenger having been hurt or any accident recorded.

The four-year-old passenger was booked by his parents for a flight from Stockholm to the city of Kalmars in the south of Sweden. His parents had to send him alone, and dared not do so by train or by boat, and therefore decided to send him by air. The youthful passenger was delighted with his experience, and in a couple of hours was safely delivered to his relatives in Kalmars.

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"KIDDERPORE"	8,334	20th Sept.	Batavia, Colombo, S'pore, & Karachi.
"KHYBER"	8,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles, L'lon, Antwerp & Hall.
"ALPORA"	8,473	8th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALANZA"	7,933	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,288	15th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"NAUPORA"	8,233	20th Oct.	Marseilles, L'lon, Antwerp & Hall.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	23rd Oct.	Marseilles, L'lon, Antwerp & Hall.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,933	12th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,288	4th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	8,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,948	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALANZA"	7,933	7th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	do.
"MOREA"	10,933	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.

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"TILAWA"	10,000	4th Oct.	do.
"TAKILWA"	7,936	5th Oct.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Sept.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	8,858	23rd Oct.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Dec.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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"NYANZA"	7,023	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,252	27th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	3rd Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	9,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MAURITONIA"	11,120	15th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	29th Oct.	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	8th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	12th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	20th Nov.	do.
"ST ALBANS"	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,933	10th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th Dec.	do.
"MALWA"	10,288	7th Jan., 1928	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,914	21st Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,965	18th Feb.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,948	26th Feb.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar.	do.
"MOREA"	10,933	30th Mar.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,906	13th April	do.
"MALWA"	10,286	27th April	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May,	do.

